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Highlights

Sheikh Al-Muhajir Abu Hamza al-Qurashi, the new spokesman for **ISIS**, eulogizes **Abu Bakr al- Baghdadi** and **Sheikh Abu al-Hassan Hassan al-Muhajir**, killed by a U.S. forces in a raid at the end of October 2019. He mentioned that al-Baghdadi made a tremendous contribution to the jihad in Iraq and managed to recruit many foreign fighters from around the globe. At the same breath he announced **sheikh Abu Ibrahim al-Qurashi** as the new caliph and leader of ISIS, to whom all owe a pledge of allegiance. Further, he stressed that the organization continues to expand its presence into additional areas and even stands at the door of Europe and Central Africa. In addition, he called to avenge the blood of the fallen leaders and fulfil al-Baghdadi's will that called, inter alia, to liberate Muslim prisoners from prison.

Sheikh Ibrahim al-Qosi AKA Khabib al-Sudani, a senior **AQAP** member praises **Shabab al-Mujahidin**, the **al-Qaeda** extension in Somalia for the attack its members executed against Baledogle U.S. air base at the end of September 2019. Per him this was one of the most important attacks al-Shabab executed against the U.S. in recent years, because of the message that it sent to the American government and people that their aggressive policy against Muslims (anywhere) will cause penal actions.

AQAP posted a third and last clip in a series that dealt with the uncovering of an espionage network in Yemen operated by the enemy headed by the Saudis. AQAP accused the enemy for immorality due to the despicable means of recruitment it deployed which manifested, inter alia, by threats to post clips or intimate photos of rape victims or have exposed parts of their bodies in hospitals and other public places. For that, AQAP called all the Arabian Peninsula tribes to assassinate Saudi security forces and clerics who serve the Saudi regime as a revenge for humiliating Muslim women.

Jama'at Nusrat al-Muslimin wal-Islam, a Mali umbrella organization tied to **AQIM**, calls the G-5 Sahel states to liberate themselves from the French hegemony and their dependence on France as the latter uses them to spread dissent and disputes among the peoples of the region to loot its resources. Further, the organization called soldiers in Sahel states armies to repent, desert their posts and join the ranks of the mujahidin.

Ustas Usama Mahmud, **AQIS's** spokesman, harshly criticizes the Indian regime for its brutal oppression against the Muslim population in Kashmir. Similarly, he criticized the Pakistani regime for its efforts to block the arrival of jihadist and weapons to Kashmir and the U.N. for its silence in the face of the Indian oppression. He said that considering the above the only way to liberate one's self from the Indian conqueror and gain independence is the way of jihad against Indian military and politicians all over the world.

Ansar Ghazwat al-Hind, a Salafi jihadist organization in Kashmir, close with al-Qaeda, eulogizes Muhammad Haroon Abbas, its leader killed by the Indian security forces on October 8th, 2019. At the same breath he announced **Ghazi Khalid Ibrahim** as the new leader and **Abu Bakr Shopiani** and **Umar Mansour** as his deputies.

Hummat al-Tawhid, a Salafi jihadist group, aiming to topple the Saudi regime, accuses the Saudi regime of straying from Islam, disseminating heresy, supporting the U.S., persecuting Muslims and more. They threatened to assassinate Saudi officials, either clerics or public officers; hit military bases, political and economic U.S. targets in the region.

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Publications

Ideology

Al-Qaeda Publications

- **Al-Sahab** media outlet, owned by al-Qaeda, posted an article titled “the Book of Revolution” by **Muhammad Salah**. The article first saw light in August 2013 and discussed the Arab Spring revolts, the causes for the Arab Spring and the measures that will ensure its success. The writer emphasized that the revolutions must be armed and violent to bring down the totalitarian regimes¹.
- **Bayt al-Maqdis** media outlet, a platform for Salafi jihadists close to al-Qaeda in Gaza:
 - A booklet titled “Why do We Fight and Performing Jihad?” by a Somali writer named **Jamal Abu Hudayra**. In his booklet, the writer lists the reasons encouraging jihadists to fight in the various theaters and clarifies that he aims at the following audiences:
 - Muslims who have been deceived by clerics who serve the Arab and Muslim regimes against jihadists.
 - Muslims who hesitate to join the jihadists because of fatwas issued by clerics who are working for the corrupt regimes that forbid jihad.
 - Muslims who no longer partake in jihad thinking that jihad has ended or that it is conducted between terror organizations and states protecting human rights.
 - Per the writer, the booklet intends to uncover the truth about the reasons why the mujahidin fight against the forces of evil and refute the claims of those who disparage them. He clarified that all mujahidin, regardless of their theater, are all fighting for Allah, promoting the belief in the singularity of Allah, to implement Sharia, liberate Muslims from the oppressing regimes, prisons, die a martyr's death, defend Muslims from war crimes perpetrated by the enemy, such as the brutal oppression of the Uyghur by the Chinese or that of Israel against Gaza, liberate occupied Muslim lands, fighting those who fleece Muslims and re-establish the caliphate².
- **Thaghour Media Network**, assisting **al-Shabab al-Mujahidin**, the **al-Qaeda** extension in Somalia propaganda, posted a booklet by the same **Jamal Abu Hudayra** describing jihad in Somalia from the beginning of Islam until the formation of al-Shabab al-Mujahidin and addressing the organization's great achievements. The first part of the booklet describes the jihad against the Portuguese and the Ethiopians at the beginning of Islam and later against the British, Italians and the U.S. forces. Later, describing the formation of al-Shabab and its large campaigns in Somalia and Kenya against the enemies of Islam³.
- **Al-Bayyan** media outlet, owned by **Hurras al-Din**, **al-Qaeda's** extension in Syria:

¹ 20.10.19 Telegram.

² 7.10.19 Telegram

³ 7.10.19 Telegram.

- An article titled “Usama Bin Laden May Allah Accept Him” by **Rafiq al-Darb**. In the article the writer praises Bin Laden and described him as a role model because he thought of the common good rather than his own, as was manifested in the attacks he perpetrated in Nairobi and New York. Per the writer, role models like bin Laden should be cultivated to inspire Muslims because one of the detriments today is that leaders of Islamic groups are acting out of material self-interests, a trend reinforced by the U.S. and totalitarian states. Therefore, the solution is with cultivating jihadi role models to become a symbol of faith and public service⁴.
- An article titled “The Seasons of Jihad” by **Rafiq al-Darb**. In the article the writer praises Usama Bin Laden and the jihad activity he led. He said that UBL’s jihad focused on defending the weak and fighting the infidels who invaded Muslim lands while not hurting innocent Muslims. That, in contrast to jihadi groups in Syria that have strayed from UBL’s pure jihad and spilled innocent Muslims’ blood, gave an extreme interpretation to Islam, forged alliances with the enemies of Islam such as the U.S. and the Arab rulers. That said, only one small group stayed true to UBL’s jihad, i.e. Huras al-Din⁵.

ISIS Publications

- **Al-Furqan** media outlet, owned by **ISIS**, posted a speech by **Sheikh al-Muhajir Abu Hamza al-Qurashi**, the organization’s new spokesman, titled “All Who Perform What They Have Promised to Allah, Will Be Granted a Handsome Reward” based on the Quran verse (Sura 48, verse 10) **”وَمَنْ أَوْفَىٰ بِمَا عَاهَدَ عَلَيْهُ اللَّهُ فَسَيُؤْتِيهِ”**. The speech was posted on October 31st, 2019 following the October 27th, 2019, elimination of **Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi** and some of his cronies in Barisha, some 25Km north of Idlib by U.S. special forces. At the outset, al-Qurashi eulogized **al-Baghdadi** and **Abu al-Hasan al-Muhajir**, his predecessor as spokesman, and praised their activities. He mentioned that al-Baghdadi revived the jihad in Iraq, assisted Muslims in Syria, conquered parts of Iraq and Syria, practiced Islam and installed Sharia, renewed the Caliphate and symbols of Islam, gather mujahidin from four corners of the earth to fight the infidels. When addressing al-Muhajir, al-Qurashi said he was one of the prominent mujahidin emigrated from KSA to Iraq, was one of the best aides to al-Baghdadi and operated in one of the most difficult times ISIS had. Further, he said that once al-Baghdadi’s death had been confirmed, ISIS’ Shura Council convened to appoint a successor and unanimously voted for **Abu Ibrahim al-Qurashi** as the new Caliph and pledged its allegiance to him. Al-Qurashi called upon Muslims around the world to pledge their allegiance to the new Caliph as well. Al-Qurashi said that the U.S. shouldn’t be happy because ISIS stands today on the doorstep to Europe and Central Africa and keeps expanding west. He also called the operatives in the various provinces to be patient, adhere to Islam and jihad, follow their leader, avenge their relatives and comrades who have been killed by the infidels and fulfil al-Baghdadi’s

⁴ Oct 2019, <https://bayaan.info/archives/3988>.

⁵ Oct 2019, <https://bayaan.info/archives/3999>.

will (which saw light in his April 2019 podcast about the need to assist the oppressed, liberate prisoners, get people close to Islam, kill the collaborators with the enemy and wait patiently until the meet Allah⁶.



Al-Qurshi's speech's banner

- **Sarh al-Khilafa al-Ilamiyya**, assisting with ISIS propaganda, posted a compendium of six articles under the title “Propaganda Clips by Supporters of ISIS”. In the articles the writers praised ISIS, discussed the importance of helping with its propaganda, condemning Muslim clerics who act contrary to Islam and accusing them of activities that serves the Jews and the west⁷.
- Various media outlets assisting ISIS, such as **al-Dar al-Sunni** and **al-Battar**, embarked on a campaign titled “The Pure Souls” where they posted video and audio clips and banners calling ISIS supporters to liberate female Muslim prisoners. They also called the mujahidin to attack the enemy as a revenge for the humiliation of said females⁸.



Banner calling the mujahidin to liberate female Muslim Prisoners

- **Jaysh al-Islam fi Bayt al-Maqdis**, a Salafi jihadist group in Gaza that supports ISIS, posted a eulogy to

⁶ 31.10.19. <https://alshumukh.net/>; <https://pastethis.to/xw9G01g5VWQV0>

⁷ 13.10.19 Telegram.

⁸ 17.10.19 Telegram

honor al-Baghdadi following his elimination by U.S. special forces at the end of October 2019. The group also condemned the enemy’s systematic persecution of jihadists that consecrate the value of believing in the singularity of Allah⁹.

- Telegram accounts identified with ISIS posted correspondence warning from those interested parties who impose as ISIS supporters, open fake social media accounts to contaminate the jihadi discourse and saw dissent among the mujahidin and their supporters. To contend with this threat, ISI supporters announced that they will form a system called “The Jihadi Fingerprint” that will verify ISIS supporters accounts. The developers described the features of the system: in the first stage an ISIS supporter will have to provide details on herself (five options) through questions that will have to be answered within a few days’ time frame. For example, questions about lessons or audio clips regarding the singularity of Allah, the reasons for victory or defeat of the Israelites according to Islam’s holy authorities, state and church in Islam, the signs of Armageddon etc. Then, the system will verify the authenticity of the user through an encrypted social network platform that will be available for free for three months. At the end of the process the verified user will receive an identification number. The developers claimed that the project was not a formal ISIS initiative but rather an independent venture initiated by ISIS members who have pledged allegiance to al-Baghdadi and are committed to the rulings and directives of the propaganda office of ISIS¹⁰.



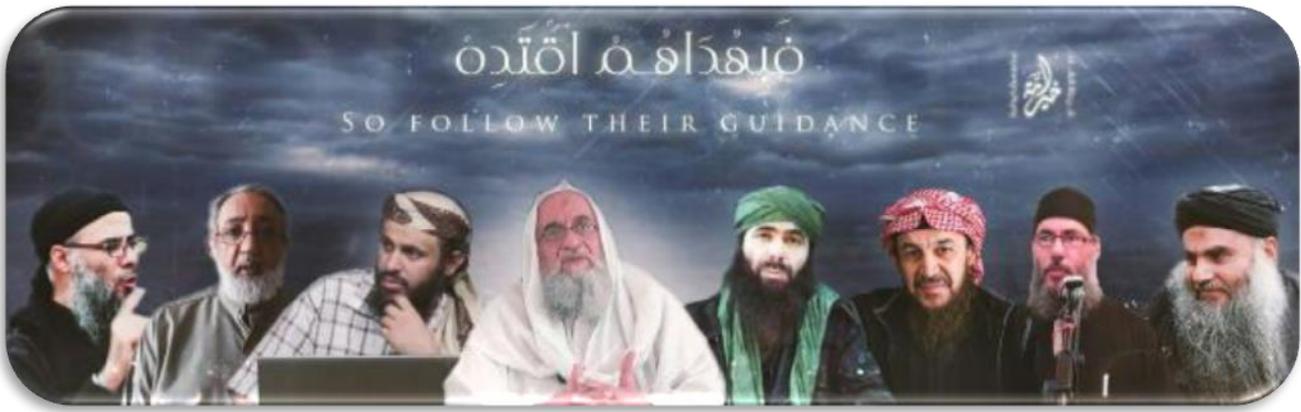
Social media banners for “The Jihadi Fingerprint” project

Opinion Leaders in the Jihadist Discourse

This section deals with the statements of opinion of several clerics, military commanders and publicists affiliated with Salafi-jihadist terrorist organizations seeking to shape the jihadist discourse and influence thoughts and actions in the field. The statements and their publications received a large number of views among global jihad activists, hence their importance.

⁹ 31.10.19 Telegram

¹⁰ 18.8.19. https://justpaste.it/the_Islamic_State



The photo shows prominent ideologues affiliated with Al-Qaeda, below the words: "Follow Their Guidance". The poster was published on social networks by the Khayr al-Umma media group, which is involved in media for Al-Qaeda

- **Sheikh Abu Qatada al-Filastini**, closely tied to **al-Qaeda** posted the following¹¹:
 - Criticism towards anyone who was happy about the Turkish raid against the Kurds in northern Syria. Per him, the Kurds are a Muslim nation and inasmuch as there are infidels in the Arab, Turks and Persian people so is the situation among the Kurds and thus no one should generalize them. He added that the ones mostly responsible for straying from Islam and following the U.S. are leaderships of the secular parties. It should be noted that the above criticism was in response to a tweet by **Abu Muhammad al-Maqqdisi**, a senior Salafi cleric, also close to **al-Qaeda**, where he expressed joy over the suffering sustained by civilians at the hands of the Turkish army. The latter posted a photo of a Kurdish family fleeing the Turks and commented that it was time the Kurds will have a taste of what they have caused other Muslims in northern Syria, i.e. their battles with jihadists in the region.
 

- **Sheikh Hani Sabai**, a senior Salafi cleric identified with **al-Qaeda**¹² posted the following:
 - A Friday sermon on the subject of Iraqi Shiite demonstrations against the Iraqi government and Iran's involvement in Iraq; a Friday sermon on the U.S.- Turkish understandings regarding the latter's involvement in Syria; accusing the Saudi regime for groveling in front of the U.S. government, by defacing Islam and bringing the Arabian Peninsula back to the Jahiliyya period (i.e. the pre Islamic period); responses to questions on religious issues such as whether it is allowed for a female to emigrate to a jihadi theater without a chaperone.
 
 - The sheikh's supporters posted on their Telegram account that the British authorities raided his London home, searched it and confiscated all his computers and phones. Therefore, they couldn't contact him for a while.

¹¹ October 2019 Telegram

¹² October 2019 Telegram.

• **Tariq Abd al-Haleem**, a cleric close to **al-Qaeda** posted the following¹³:

- Addresses the Turkish involvement in Syria and says that one shouldn't make a stand on the issue as this is secular Turkey's war with the secular Kurds. Per him, the Turkish involvement may bring a short-term benefit to the Syrians however it will not help install Islamic rule in Syria. He criticizes the west for caring about the Kurds' well being but not about the Syrian people who are being attacked by the Alawi, Iran and Russia.



• **Sheikh Abd al-Razzaq al-Mahdi**, close with **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham** posted the following¹⁴:

- A correspondence on the rising tensions between the U.S. and Iran on the backdrop of the IRGC raid on a tanker in the Persian Gulf. Per him, senior U.S. officials are making belligerent statements against Iran which are being amplified by the Arab and world media, so that it may seem that a war between Iran and the U.S. is more imminent than ever. However, one should regard this as fake propaganda for the following reasons:



- Everything Iran does is coordinated with the U.S., whether it is referring requests to the U.S., supporting the Assad regime, the Houthi, or al-Hshad al-Shabi, the Iraqi Shiite militia.
- The theocrats in Tehran are partners with the Zionists in spreading chaos and dissent, to disseminate corruption, spark wars in Muslim countries and increase the instances of killing, demolition, exiling, kidnapping and torture.

Later on, he wanted to draw attention to the fact that no American missile was launched at Iran and blamed the U.S. for handing over Iraq, Yemen, Syria and Lebanon to Iran. He added that Iran wishes to destroy Muslim countries and is backed by the Zionists and the missionary Christians. At the end of post al-Mahdi says that there is no war between Iran and the U.S. and the two are partners in a scheme to destroy Sunni territories.

In another correspondence al-Mahdi blamed the U.S., Russia and the Zionists for aiding and abetting the Shiite to expand in Arab territories, Africa and other regions. Further, their support of the Shiite is aimed at defacing the Sunni faith. In yet another correspondence he cautioned from the danger of the spreading Shia which he dubbed a cancer.

- A correspondence condemning the Kurdish PKK. Al-Mahdi accused the PKK of disseminating heresy; revival of ancient religions; assisting missionaries to convert local population to Christianity; disseminating sexual promiscuity; assassination of opposition members; encouraging the immigration of Muslims out of Muslim lands; enforcing laws that contradict Sharia; recruiting children; having a lenient drug enforcement policy; usurping money and funds; prohibiting Islamic symbols such as prayers and vales etc.

¹³ October 2019 Facebook

¹⁴ October 2019. Telegram; <https://twitter.com/abdulrezakm11>

In another correspondence he said that PKK members are mocking and belittling Islam and “therefore there is a need to purge Muslim lands from the filth”. In yet another correspondence he specifically called the Syrian rebels to fight the Kurdish PKK and Qasd (The Syrian Democratic Forces - a military coalition comprised mainly of Kurdish fighters) but warned not to hurt old people, women and children and even non-combatant men. Contrary to the Kurds, the Turkish soldiers dispatched to northern Syria are faithful Muslims who respect Islam and read the Quran. At the same breath he criticized the regimes in Egypt, KSA, UAE and the Arab league for their objection to the Turkish involvement in northern Syria and condemned them for their silence in the face of the persecution of Muslims by the Indians and Chinese as well as their silence in the face of the Iranian involvement in Syria and Iraq.

- **Sheikh al-Mouhseini**, a senior Salafi cleric in Idlib, close with **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham and al-Qaeda** posted the following¹⁵:
 - A correspondence condemning the PKK and describing it as a heretic and deviant organization. Per al-Mouhseini, the Kurds, much like other Muslim people such as the Turks, are noble people that over the course of history produced great generals that greatly contributed to the strengthening of Islam, such as Saladin who liberated Jerusalem from the crusaders. However, the PKK and the Qasd militia strayed from Islam and became heretics. On that very subject al-Mouhseini posted a clip wherein he calls his supporters in northern Syria to fight the PKK.
 - Covering condolences to Sheikh Muhammad al-Hassan Walid al-Dido al-Shanqiti, a senior Mauritanian cleric for the death of his father.
 - Correspondence praising the latest popular uprisings against the regimes in northern Sudan, Algeria and Lebanon. Per him, even though a decade has elapsed since the eruption of the Arab Spring the popular uprisings have not died down and continue in full force and expand to other countries. He said that the popular uprisings in Iraq and Lebanon serve the Sunni interests in the region as they have the capacity to block the Iranian influence. Per him, this trend may serve the Sunnis in Syria and tip the balance of power in the region.
 - An audio clip regarding the death of al-Baghdadi and the ramifications of said death. At the outset he said, that it would have been better if al-Baghdadi would have been killed by Sunnis rather than U.S. forces which contribute to the dissemination of his school of thought. He cautioned that al-Baghdadi’s ideology is far more dangerous because it preaches an extreme version of Islam which allows the killing of innocent Muslims. Further, al-Baghdadi’s death will lead to the emergence of additional radical Islamic groups that in turn will also allow the killing of Muslims and attempt to recruit Muslims. In light of the above, he called upon Sunni clerics to conduct a campaign against



¹⁵ October 2019 Telegram

ISIS' extreme theology to save all those potential recruits. Per him, there are many young Muslim males that have lost their religious way because of the lack of clerics in the jihad theaters that can put them on the righteous Sunni path. At the end of his speech he stressed that with al-Baghdadi's demise the west will seek to create "a thousand al-Baghdadis, as this is their only opportunity to destroy the Muslim people".

- **Abu al-Fatah al-Farali**, an independent Salafi jihadist cleric in Syria, posted the following¹⁶:
 - A call to mujahidin to ignore the background noise that tries to get them to stray from the righteous path, stay in their lane so as to keep them out harm's way; a call for unity of the ranks under Sharia.

- **Abu Basir al-Tartusi**, a Syrian Salafi Jihadist cleric posted the following¹⁷:
 - Addressing the Tunisian Muslim Brotherhood (Ennahdha Party) that per him will not be able to rule Tunisia without a coalition with one of the secular parties.
 - A correspondence praising the Turkish attack against the PKK coupled with a call to avoid injuries to Kurdish civilians. Later he quotes a message from the Syrian Islamic Council supporting the Turkish attack.
 - A call to the Syrian Salafis in Tunisia to form a political party to run the country.
 - Criticizing the Russian involvement in the attack on the Kurds. Per him the Russian interference hinders the outcome of the attack.
 - Addressing the importance of forming a supreme council for the leaders of the revolution in Syria to supervise and handle all political issues.
 - Addressing ISIS in the post-Baghdadi era. Per him, ISIS will continue its operations, but it will lack the power and motivation that it had in the beginning. One of the reasons for the continued operation of ISIS is connected to western colonial interests that ISIS opposes but it lost its momentum because it doesn't enjoy wide support among Muslims, and most classify it as an enemy of Islam.

- **Abu Hafs al-Maqdisi**, leader of **Jaysh al-Ummah al-Salafi Fi Bayt al-Maqdis**, a Salafi faction in Gaza close to al-Qaeda, posted the following¹⁸:
 - Correspondence condemning the Saudi embassy in Washington for Greeting the Jewish people for Rosh Hashana (Jewish New Year's).
 - Correspondence clarifying that the purpose of the organization is to fight the Jews

¹⁶ October 2019 Telegram.

¹⁷ October 2019 Telegram

¹⁸ September 2019 Telegram.

and their allies and preach Muslims to closely embrace Islam.

- Criticizing Hamas and other armed Palestinian factions for their lack of will to condemn Iran for its massacre of the Iraqis. Per him, the money the Iranian throw at the above factions blinds them and silences them on the Iraqi issue.
- Expressing joy over the Turkish incursion into northern Syria to fight the PKK. Per him, eliminating the infidel Kurds is an Islamic nation interest but supporting the PKK elimination doesn't mean a support in the Turkish regime.
- A call to Muslim to keep donating to the "Arm a Warrior" campaign that started a few years ago. Per the campaign the funds to be raised are to be used to buy weapons for the organization's fighters to fight the Jews. One of the banners posted within the campaign said that the cost of a Katyusha rocket is a \$1,000.

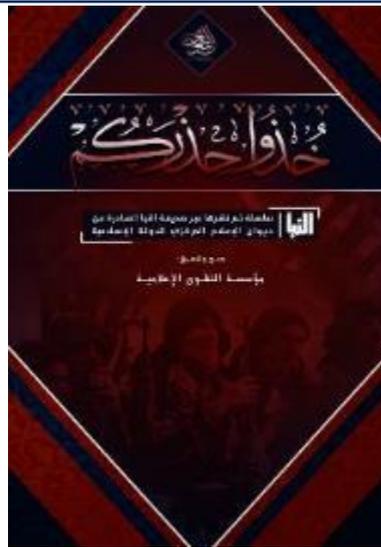


"Arm a Warrior" banner posted on social media

Manuals and Tutorials

- **Al-Taqwa** media outlet, assisting with ISIS propaganda, posted a compendium of articles that previously saw light in **al-Naba** (ISIS' formal publication). The main theme of the compendium was about security issues such as maintaining comm security and avoiding surveillance cameras; advice on assassination planning; advice on maintaining secrecy and more. At the outset it was written that ISIS attributes great importance to maintaining security especially in light of the enemy's attempt to infiltrate its ranks. Further, personal security is extremely important to jihadists operating in infidel territories (i.e. the west) as they operate without support and by using simple tools without any significant weapon to protect them¹⁹.

¹⁹ 8.10.19 Telegram.



Front page for the security issues compendium posted by al-Taqwa

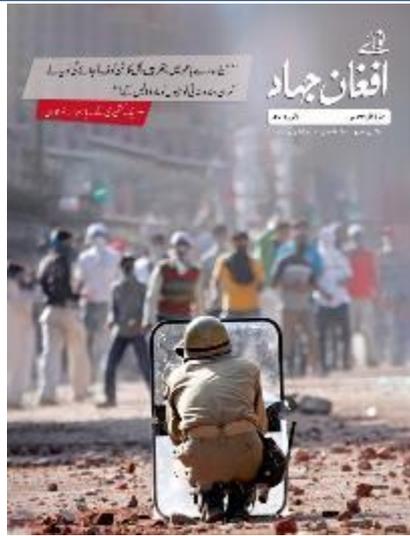
- ISIS supporters posted on social media a series of dated manuals authored by **al-Saqri** media outlet, assisting with ISIS propaganda, and dealing with military warfare. For example, manuals on the preparation of explosives devices, chemical bombs and more. Further, anti-tank warfare manual, assassination manual etc. were also uploaded to the sharing web site archive.org²⁰. The Islamic forum **Shumukh al-Islam**, identified with ISIS, posted a narrated manual titled “Two-Hundred Advices for the Lone Wolf”, authored by al-Saqri. For example, advice on how to free oneself from an arrest, avoidance of letting important details slip over a phone conversation, identify weak points within the enemy’s body to inflict the maximum harm; what camouflage props are best and more²¹.



Right to left: Front page for the “Two-Hundred Advice for the Lone Wolf”; A narrate page from the manual on the best weak points to inflict maximum damage

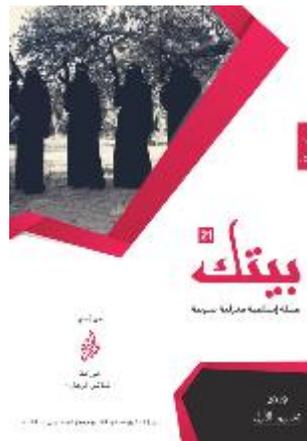
²⁰ October 2019 archive.org

²¹ October 2019, Telegram. <https://alshumukh.net/>



Nawai Afghan October 2019 issue front page

- Baytak, al-Qaeda’s women magazine, Vol. 21, saw light²⁵. The topics discussed in the current issue: advice on child rearing; advice on conducting a conversation with one’s husband and more.



Baytak front page

- Vols. 202-206 of **al-Naba, ISIS’** formal publication saw light. They included reviews about the progress of the organization’s fighting in various theatres around the middle east and their achievements. Among other, editorials on the following were posted²⁶:
 - Vol. 202 – ISIS blamed the rebel organizations in Syria for conducting a fraudulent media campaign attributing ISIS with defeats in battles vs. the Russians and the Assad forces. Per ISIS, its members stopped an enemy attack on Idlib while the other rebel organizations preferred not to confront the enemy and worse, they preferred to fight ISIS.
 - Vol. 203 – ISIS claimed that the support the Shiite governments in Iraq provided to the Shiite militias after the fall of Saddam Hussein caused a budgetary pitfall and destabilized the country.

²⁵ 1.10.19 Telegram.

²⁶ September 2019 Telegram.

Thus, the latest popular riots against the government are the result of the citizens' neglect by their government. Per ISIS, the riots will not topple the regime as the Shiite militias, guided by Iran, are successful in containing and suppressing them, as had happened in southern Iraq in 2018. That said, the intensity of both the riots and the Shiite militias response is much higher than the 2018 riots. Moreover, there are external as well as internal forces that wish to protect the regime and the Shiite militias so that they can keep pillaging Iraqi resources, for example, maintaining contracts to produce oil with European and America companies. Further, the writer said that ISIS wished that the riots will lead the regime and the militias to waste valuable time and resources on cubing the riots. Per ISIS, this will continue to weaken the government and its military, deepen the rift between the Iraqis and the Irani regime and expand the scope of the riots. At the end of the article the writer assessed that since the riots are not the first of its kind and Iraq will soon face additional social and economic crises.

- Vol. 204 – passing harsh criticism on any rebel group in Iraq or Syria that are willing to enter alliances with corrupt regimes such as Turkey, Qatar, the U.S. and Russia. Per the writer, these are fragile temporary alliances due to the shifting interests of these regimes who support the rebels as long as it fits their regional agenda. For example, the PKK was especially criticized for entering an alliance with the U.S. and fought ISIS. However, the administration's decision to bring its troops back home announced the end of this alliance and led the PKK to look for another ally, this time Assad. The writer cautioned the rebels not to align themselves with infidel regimes since by doing so they acknowledge the infidel legal system of these regimes and assist in against those who fight for the singularity of Allah, i.e. ISIS. At the end the writer called upon the rebels to learn from past mistakes, especially Iraqi rebels cooperation with the U.S. that at the end of the day denounced them and even extradited them to the Shiite militias.
- Vol. 205 – the writer discusses the importance of adhering to Muhammad's way and maintaining the unity of the Islamic ranks, that per the writer are intertwined, if they are to guarantee a victory over the enemy. Per the writer, the unity of the ranks is supposed manifest itself by backing one ruler and obeying his orders. Further, he cited a few traditions attributed to Muhammad that assign great importance to following one leader and caution that without one Muslims face grave danger. The writer added that after the four Caliphs era that headed the entire Islamic nation, the Muslims considerably weakened in light of the emergence of multiple Muslim rulers and therefore they should all support one leader.
- Vol. 206 – no opening article was posted due the posting of Sheikh al-Muhajir's speech.

- The periodical **Ibaa**, a **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham** publication, was posted. In August 2019 the organization posted vols. 69-72. Those include reports, banners and interviews with the organization's operatives

regarding the fighting in Syria as well as commentary on the state of affairs of other jihadi theaters²⁷.



Ibaa vol. 72 front page

- Vol. four of the periodical **Balagh**, published in Idlib by Salafi Jihadists, among them **Sheikh Abu al-Yaqdhan Muhammad Naji al-Masri**, a Salafi cleric close with **al-Qaeda**. Among the topics discussed²⁸: religious debate against the twelver Shia; criticizing the international involvement in Idlib; analysis of the Turkish involvement in northern Syria; examination of the impact of the Arab Spring on Egypt and Tunisia; the importance of performing jihad against the enemy and more.



Balagh vol. 4 front page

- Vol. four of **Nida al-Masra**, published **The Islamic Army in Jerusalem**, a Salafi group in Gaza close with **al-Qaeda** saw light²⁹. Among the topics discussed: the importance of the singularity of Allah and

²⁷ October 2019 Telegram.

²⁸ October 2019 Telegram.

²⁹ October 2019 Telegram.

performance of jihad; Islamic laws of war; biography of one of the organization's fallen members; news about the organization and more.



Nida al-Masra front page

Reports from the Field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan

- **Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan (Afghani Taliban) publications:**
 - An announcement for the 18th anniversary of the American invasion to Afghanistan. In the announcement the organization claimed that the fighting in Afghanistan has become an open wound for the Americans because they lose troops and spend money on fighting without achieving any goal. Later, the organization called the U.S. to stop fighting and take steps to find a logical solution and save its reputation. He added that the jihad against the U.S. started with the American invasion and will continue as long as its soldiers fight in Afghanistan³⁰.
 - An announcement denying the death of a commander in Helmand province. the announcement said that contrary to the Kabul regime claims no commander identified with al-Qaeda has been killed in an attack perpetrated against a wedding that took in Helmand. The announcement added that the Kabul government just tried to find excuses to justify its attack that led to many civilian casualties among them the wedding guests³¹.

The Arabian Peninsula

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula

- **Sada al-Malahim** media outlet, an **al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP)** posted the following:
 - An audio clip with a speech given by **Sheikh Ibrahim al-Qosi AKA KhHabib al-Sudani**, a senior member of **AQAP** titled “Our Men in Somalia”. In the speech al-Qosi praises al-Shabab al-Mujahidin, the al-Qaeda Somalia extension for their attack against Baledogle USAF base, one of Somalia’s largest bases, at the end pf September. Per a false report filed by Shahada news agency over 121 U.S. troops, 13 Israeli soldiers were killed in the attack as well as 40 defense contractors. Additionally, five fighter planes were destroyed. Al-Qosi described the attack as one of the most important attacks executed by al-Shabab in recent years. He said that with this attack al-Shabab defended Islam as well as the Muslims and the Islamic nation in the Horn of Africa, the southern gate to the Arabian Peninsula and the entrance to the Red Sea. Per him, the “crusading American enemy and its metastases among the crusaders of Africa and their infidel allies in Somalia truly understand the geographic importance of this part of the world and its impact on global shipping”. He added that the successful attack brought a lot of joy to Muslims all over and encouraged al-Shabab to continue with this type of attacks. Al-Qosi

³⁰ 6.10.19 Telegram

³¹ 15.10.19 Telegram

explained that the attack was in response to the American bombings against Muslims in Somalia “with this smart operation you [al-Shabab] sent a message to the Trump administration and the American people that their aggressive policy against Muslims will be punished [...]” he added that the American troops were punished for their efforts to implement a persecution policy against Muslims which manifests itself by murder, exile, looting and more. He also clarified that the current attack is another in a long series of attacks originally ordered by UBL and threatened that the Americans will not leave Somalia alive. Further, he praised the Somali people for their resistance to the “foreign American invasion to their country”, their resilience in the face of “the west’s arrogance and the heresy forces in the world” and for raising the banner of jihad against the U.S. Towards the end of his speech al-Qosi mentioned that AQAP members are in good health and they wish for continued health for sheikh **Abu Obeida**, al-Shabab’s leader³².



Al-Qosi’s speech banner

- A third and last video in the series “The Destruction of Espionage: The Espionage Industry”. The series focused on the manners by which the KSA recruit spies to operate in Yemen and report on AQAP members; the reasons why one will become a spy; Spies’ character traits etc. At the beginning of the video the west is being described as a fragile power despite its technological prowess. Additionally, the video incorporated statements from **sheikh Qasim al-Rimi**, the leader of the organization, on the importance of the series. In the video the west was accused of trying to conquer Muslim territories in multiple ways, first and foremost through ideological invasion, i.e. spreading western culture such as music, clothing, embedding English and French at the expense of the Arabic to erase Islamic identity, to neglect Quran studies and more. Later, the organization pointed a finger at Muslim intellectuals who are willing to help spread the rotten western civilization and embed it in Muslim territories. They also accused leaders of Muslim countries such as the Saudi family of cultivating relations with the west, the U.S. particularly. Further, the video incorporated a speech given by al-Rimi condemning the Saudi regime for distorting Quran, dissemination of heresy, deviating from the Singularity of Allah principle, nurturing hedonistic life in KSA, examples of which are opening night clubs, sexual promiscuity etc. on that topic the video incorporated interviews with western academics

³² 16.10.19 Telegram

such as Noam Chomsky (a Jewish American sociologist) who claimed that the regimes are interested in cultivating hedonism in order to divert people's attention from their real problems and the hardships of their day-to-day. Further, the organization, accused KSA and UAE of being involved in Yemen in intelligence gathering for the U.S.

Moreover, the video highlighted interview conducted with Yemeni spies and security forces who have been captured by the organization on the espionage methods and targets. For example, one of the captives, who served as the director for national security in Hadhramaut, said that the Yemeni security forces intended to use spies to sow dissent, divide society and crumble the moral and religious fiber of man. Further, the enemy tries to recruit spies using seduction.

Furthermore, the video accused the Arab regimes (e.g. Egypt, UAE) and Israel of attempting to recruit women to spy for them, gather intelligence and recruit other spies. They claimed that the enemy tried to recruit mujahidin women, but they failed and couldn't get close to them. The organization added that its operatives were able to break into the Yemeni national security building in Hadhramaut and retrieve documents that helped them to map out the scope of the espionage against the organization. For example, the enemy tried to recruit 30 Muslim females, public school students in KSA and Yemen, to spy for them because they thought they hanged out in jihadists' neighbourhood or marry jihadists and thus gain access to the organization's activities. He added that only a handful of females agreed to spy whereas the majority of them reported it to the organization however the organization was already aware of the. The video incorporated an interview with **Sheikh al-Qosi**, the leader, that cautioned those who run schools, universities and Quran studies centers to keep their daughters close and make sure they are with family members at all times. He also cautioned from sending females to study abroad because they will be exposed to recruitment attempt by the enemy. He stressed that Muhammad forbade women to travel alone, only with relatives. At the end of his interview he said that Muslim females must be alert and show vigilance to fend off any recruitment efforts. Further, the organization sees female teachers as playing important role in the Muslim society and they should be revered for their educational role however the enemy tries, unsuccessfully, to undermine their positions but still managed to recruit a few. By that the organization referred to a few women recruited by the Saudis to spy on the organization, such as an English teacher in a Riyadh elementary school.

Sheikh Ibrahim Abu Salih, the organization's security chief, who also interviewed for the video said that one of the women captured by the organization wanted to repent, showed remorse and even handed over organization's operational documents. Abu Salih cautioned all such female spies to contact the mujahidin and reveal who their handlers were, or their photos will be exposed to the public. It should be noted that the video also incorporated statements from

Ahmad Yassin, founder of **Hamas**, condemning such recruitment attempts.

Later on, the methods for recruitment were described. The organization claimed that the enemy intelligence services kidnap women and rape them and in the case of men they seduce them to consort with prostitutes while they record them to extort them into serving as spies for them. Per the organization, the enemy wishes to recruit men and women of all ages in all locations. For example, al-Qosi warned that the enemy tries to recruit women in beauty salons operated by them. Further, mobile and photo shops are a hunting ground too, as the enemy breaks into women's phones and threatens to publicly post the content of they don't spy for them. In light of the above, al-Qosi suggested to make sure there are no intimate photos on cell phones and when walking to such a store a woman must be accompanied by a male relative. Per the organization attempts to recruit women have been made in hospitals, pharmacies and clinics. Per the organization, hospitals are crawling with security forces agents masquerading as doctors trying to recruit women. For example, they document female patients in intimate situations and then threaten they will expose the photos if they won't spy for them. To stem this al-Qosi suggested that women should have chaperone during their medical appointments.

Sheikh al-Rimi said that the above was a deplorable phenomenon and "if a person cannot feel safe there then where is that safe place?". Later in the video the organization showed a map of regions where it was able to identify medical facilities used by the enemy for their recruitment activity.

In light of the above, sheikh **Khaled Batrafi**, the organization's spokesman, called all Muslims, tribesmen in the Arabian Peninsula and elsewhere to exact revenge on such Saudi security officers, national security officers, criminal investigations officers, counter-terrorism officers, detectives and military intelligence officers. He quoted a Quran verse calling for the killing of heretic clerics for their lack of faith in Allah. **Sheikh Abu Salih** threatened that the mujahidin will get, sooner or later, to those in charge of violating the women's honor and will strike them if they do not repent. Additionally, he accused the Saudi regime and its allies for waging an immoral war, devoid of any honor or manhood against him. He added that all involved in these deplorable acts will be punished by Allah or by the mujahidin and will inherit hell and agony in the afterlife.

Towards the end of the video al-Qosi warned all Muslims, mujahidin and civilians alike, to pay attention to their wives and children for fear they will be recruited by the enemy. He said that the enemy tried to get to organization members' wives but failed. He threatened to spill the blood of all involved in this recruitment effort. Later in the video the organization featured executions of spies. **Sheikh Batrafi** said the executions were a revenge and punishment for involvement in murders of Muslims. **Sheikh Abu Salih** said that the spies that were so executed were sent by the Saudi regime to spy on Muslims and assist the Americans to kill innocent

Muslims in Yemen. **Saad bin Atif al-Awlaqi**, a senior leader of the organization eulogized the shahids who died as a result of the spies' activities and stressed that by executing them justice was done³³.



Right to left: The map with the regions in Yemen (circled) serving as recruitment hubs for women spies; Saad bin Atif al-Awlaqi, a senior leader of the organization

Hummat al-Tawhid

- **Hummat al-Tawhid**, a Salafi jihadist group focusing on a violet struggle against the Saudi regime, posted the following:
 - A clip addressing the organization's ideology, stressing on intertwining the faith in the singularity of Allah and the use of jihad. It said that the organization wanted to fight the Saudi regime for straying from the way of Islam, disseminating heresy and threatened to persecute its representatives. It also addressed the activity of its propaganda arm and military arm.³⁴
 - Three clips by **Abu Tallah al-Jazrawi**, the organization's spokesman, accusing the Saudi regime for forging ties with Israel and the U.S., the worst enemies of the Islamic nation. He called the Muslims to embark on a jihad to topple the Saudi regime³⁵. Per him, by supporting the U.S. the Saudi regime assists the U.S. in persecuting Muslims in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iraq³⁶. He also accused the Wahabi religious establishment in KSA of backing up the pro-western policy of the Saudi regime and for legitimizing the reinforcement of the military ties between the countries. In light of the above he stressed that this was a threat to the Muslim identity and therefore one needs to use force to topple the Saudi regime³⁷.
 - A series of banners addressing the organization's org chart and its goals. It said that the organization wished to hit the Saudi regime's representatives and the Saudi clerics who back up the regime's policy; hit American bases and their political and economic interests in the region; form an Islamic government or an emirate on the entire Saudi territory; adhere to jihad against the Saudi regime. Further, it said that the organization deploys different means to achieve its goals such as

³³ 20.10.19 Telegram

³⁴ 14.10.19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VvYtspatj68>

³⁵ 14.10.19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QPfVkcJHOec>

³⁶ 22.10.19. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFuwofm_Mn0

³⁷ 19.10.19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roh5m8BKj-4>

planting IEDs, suicide vests, and remote detonation of explosive devices.



A clip threatening to hit representatives of the Saudi regime

Iraq

Ansar al-Islam

- **Ansar al-Islam**, an Iraqi Salafi group, posted the following:
 - Claiming responsibility for planting an explosive device for two **Hashad al-Sahbi**, Shiite militia members on October 29th, 2019. Per the organization the two were involved in persecuting Sunni population in Iraq. The detonation resulted in one dead and one injured³⁸.
 - A clip documenting shooting practice³⁹.

Al-Sham [The Levant]

Syria

Hayat Tahrir al-Sham

- **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham**, posted the following:
 - A speech by **Abu Dawud Mahmud Haubaysh**, a cleric in the organization, aimed at boosting the members morale. Per him, the Muslims proved that it could recover from blows delivered by the infidels, just as it happened in Muhammad’s days, hence the activity against the infidels should carry on and the Muslims should not bot back down when the campaign hits a bump in the road⁴⁰.

The Muhajirin of al-Sham

- **The Muhajirin of al-Sham**, an umbrella organization of foreign fighters in Syria posted the following:
 - A banner expressing support in **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham’s** policy and satisfaction with the way it runs its territories in north western Syria. The organization rejected the claims of censorship or being heavy handed with anyone who criticizes the leadership however at the same breath said that anyone who wishes to criticize would be better doing it internally by advising the leadership rather

³⁸ 30.10.19 Telegram

³⁹ 2.10.19 Telegram

⁴⁰ 29.10.19 Telegram.

therefore jihad should carry on⁴⁵.

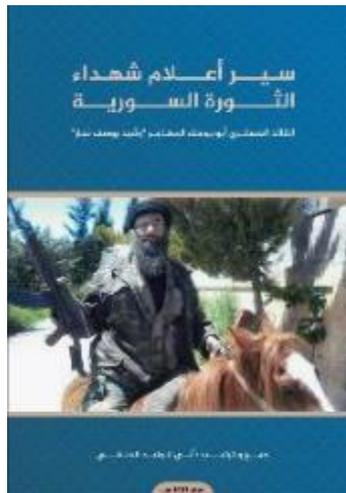
- Video clip of battles conducted by the members with the Syrian military on Turkmen mountain in July 2018 and July 2019⁴⁶.

Ansar al-Tawhid

- **Ansar al-Tawhid**, a Salafi group in Idlib posted the following:
 - A banner supporting the “**Islamic Turkistan Party**”, another Salafi jihadi organization in Idlib, tied to al-Qaeda, for assisting with the war effort for the benefit of the civilian population. This post also included a eulogy to members of the latter group that were killed in the fighting⁴⁷.

Others

- One of the Syrian jihadists Telegram channels posted a biography of **Rashid Yusuf Najjar aka Abu Yusuf al-Muhajir**, within a series called “The Biographies of the Shahids of the Syrian Revolution”. The subject was born in Aleppo in 1974. When the revolution started, he joined **al-Nusra Front** (the former **al-Qaeda** extension in Syria) but retired after two years. In 2014 he joined **Katibat Ashdaa** which was part of **al-Ahrar al-Sham** and was killed at the end of 2016 in a Syrian army air raid in Aleppo⁴⁸.



Rashid Yusuf Najjar aka Abu Yusuf al-Muhajir biography's front page

The Gaza Strip-Sinai Peninsula

Salafi Nation Army In Jerusalem

- **Thabat News Agency**, close to the above organization, a Salafi jihadist faction in Gaza supporting **al-Qaeda** posted the following:

⁴⁵ 9.10.19 Telegram.

⁴⁶ 10.10.19. RocketChat.

⁴⁷ 3.10.19 Telegram

⁴⁸ October 2019 Telegram.

- Several weekly reports under the title “The Harvest of Activities in the Lands of Islam” regarding the number of armed activities executed by jihadists in various theaters such Burkina Faso, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria and Somalia and the number of enemy casualties⁴⁹.

Africa

The Maghreb

Mali

Jama’at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen

- **Al-Zallaqa** media outlet, owned by the above umbrella organization for several jihadi groups in Mali connected **AQIM**:
 - A banner titles “G5: The Bitter Harvest and Loss of Hope!”. At the outset the banner said that the organization managed to strike a series of blows on the French strategic and economic interests in the Sakhel region, Mali particularly. It further said that on September 30th, 2019 the organization struck two parallel blows against Malian army posts during which they captured two soldiers and several vehicles and ammunition. Later on, the banner called upon the G5 Sakhel states⁵⁰, to search their souls and understand that they need to liberate themselves from the hegemony of the French conqueror who only wishes to keep the peoples of the region divided to pillage their resources. The organization stressed more than once that its goal was to liberate the land from the French conqueror and install Sharia. It further stressed that the war waged by G5 states against jihadists in the region are doomed to fail and only hurt their economies. It further called upon soldiers in G5 military forces to repent, desert and join its ranks. The clip integrated speeches by senior French and G5 officials discussing the importance of their relationship as well clips of French intellectuals that described the French policy in Africa as colonialist and threatens the security, economy and French stability and therefore needs to be denounced⁵¹.
- **Markaz al-Ummah**, assisting with **Jama’at Nusrat al-Islam wal Muslimeen** propaganda posted the following:
 - A clip condemning the French involvement in Africa, especially the Sakhel and the collaboration of the G5 states with France. Per the clip, France is more interested in cultivating its relationship with the G5 states so that it will have access to pillage the resources of the Sakhel⁵².

Somalia

⁴⁹ October 2019 Telegram.

⁵⁰ An umbrella organization for the five Sakhel region states (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania and Niger) formed in 2013 further to a French initiative, inter alia, to fight terror in the region.

⁵¹ 7.10.19. RocketChat.

⁵² 15.10.19 RocketChat

Al-Shabab-Al-Mujahideen

- **Shahada News Agency**, identified with the above organization posted the following:
 - Claiming responsibility for an attack carried out by the organization against Somali soldiers trained by the U.S. The announcement said that a convoy of Somali special forces en route from Mogadishu to Baledogle USAF base in the Lower Shebelle region in Sothern Somalia was attacked by the organization’s fighters. Per the announcement the attack led to the killing of 15 Somali soldiers and the injury of 16 more. The organization stressed that the attacks against the U.S., EU and Somali forces is a part of the jihad against the west that hurt Muslims n Somalia and attests to the mujahidin’s capabilities to inflict serious damage on the enemy. The organization threatened to carry on with further attacks against western forces and their allies⁵³.
 - An announcement titled “Somalia is a Muslim Country and Only Islam Will Rule It” and addressed an attack perpetrated against a UN headquarters in Mogadishu. The organization stressed that this was the third large scale attack against western forces in Somalia in the past two weeks and the attacks will continue for as long as these forces are in Somalia⁵⁴.
 - A report on dozens of attacks carried out in a span of one week across several Somali regions against the Somali security forces, African Union forces and Kenya Police⁵⁵.
 - A report on the organization’s armed activity in September 2019. For example, the organization claimed responsibility for assassinating Ugandan, Burundian, Kenyan Djiboutian and other military forces members; raids on army bases in Somalia and neighboring countries such as Kenya, planting IEDs and more⁵⁶.

The Indian Subcontinent

Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQISC)

- **Al-Sahab** media outlet, an **AQISC** platform, posted the following:
 - A clip by **Ustas Usama Mahmud**, the organization’s spokesman, on Kashmir. Per him, since Kashmir is under severe oppression by the hands of India, manifested inter alia, by revoking Muslim residents’ rights, sever censorship etc. per him, India brags that it is the most democratic country on earth but in reality this is an illusion and a lie because its Muslim residents are being barred from voting in the elections. In light of that Mahmud said that anyone who wished to peacefully protest the Indian oppression will only find more oppression and the only way to get rid of it is by jihad. Per Mahmud, the reason for the Indian harsh treatment of the Muslims in Kashmir stems from their though that the thought that the Muslims are weak and defenseless, and no one wants to come to their aid. He also blamed the Pakistanis for betraying the Islamic nation due to its

⁵³ 2.10.19. <https://shahadanews.com/?p=4838>

⁵⁴ October, 2019. <https://shahadanews.com/?p=4964>

⁵⁵ October, 2019. <https://shahadanews.com/?p=4993>

⁵⁶ 18.10.19. RocketChat.

efforts to curb the flow of jihadists and weapons to Kashmir. Per him, this betrayal is akin to the betrayal of the Arab countries such the KSA who defend Israel’s borders from the Palestinians. He added that an armed uprising against the Hindu oppression in Kashmir is not enough and one must bear arms against the Pakistani regime that acts against the mujahidin “otherwise this battle will never be decided”. In his speech Mahmud also accused the UN for having an anti-Muslim policy for ignoring the oppression in Kashmir and supporting the Indian government. Per him, the UN also ignored when Muslims rights were trampled on in Chechnya, Turkistan, Syria, Palestine and more, “the UN played the same hostile and brutal role in every aspect against the Islamic nation” he stressed that one cannot ignore even one of the above facts and all have to have a solution or the oppression in Kashmir will continue. Further, the people of Kashmir waited for a long time for a jihadi movement to come to their aid and rid them of the Hindu oppression. He mentioned several jihadists, such as Burhan Wani and Zakir Musa, who were connected to AQISC and lost their lives for these causes and for implementing Allah’s laws. He added that the success of the **Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan** to beat all who wished to destroy it tells that in the future the jihad movement will expand into the Indian subcontinent and stressed that Allah promised a victory to his followers and in the near future Kashmir will be victorious over its Indian enemies and from Kashmir the mujahidin will advance towards Palestine. Towards the end of his speech, Mahmud called the Muslims in the Indian subcontinent to assist Muslims in Kashmir in any way, whether jihad, financial aid or propaganda. He stressed that the Indian front is not limited to Kashmir, but one must attack Indian officials all over the world and that every Muslim has a duty, which is a directive from Allah, to assist his Muslim brethren if their honor is being injured and humiliated⁵⁷.



Ustas Usama Mahmud’s speech

- A series of audio clips by Sheikh Ahmad Farouq, a senior member of the organization discussing the interpretation for the Quran chapter of Anfal⁵⁸.

⁵⁷ 12.10.19. Telegram.

⁵⁸ October 2019 Telegram

Ansar Ghazwat al-Hind

- **Al-Hurr** media outlet, owned by the above organization, a Salafi organization in Kashmir close with **al-Qaeda** posted the following:
 - A banner eulogizing **Muhammad Harun Abbas**, the organization’s leader, killed on October 8th, 2019 along with his comrade **Abu Muslim**, in a fight with the Indian security forces in Awanti Pora region in southern Kashmir. The banner said that the two joined a long caravan of shahids who fought for Allah. Further, the organization stressed that the way of jihad is the only way to install Allah’s laws and called upon the faithful to embark on jihad until the flag of Islam will fly over Kashmir and India and Sharia will be the law of the land. At the end of the banner the organization announced that **Ghazi Khalid Ibrahim** was its new leader and **Abu Bakr Shopiani and Omar Mansur** as his deputies until the Shura Council will irrevocably approve them⁵⁹.

The West

- **ISIS’** supporting Telegram channels continue threatening to hurt civilians and state institutions in western countries. For example, in October 2019 banners, clips, correspondence were posted threatening to hit Spain the U.S. and other western countries⁶⁰.



ISIS supporters threatening to hit American Targets

⁵⁹ 29.10.19, Telegram.

⁶⁰ October 2019, Telegram.

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