

Periodical Review: Summary of Information from Jihadi Forums

The Second Half of October 2011

This report summarizes notable events discussed on Jihadi Web forums during the latter half of October 2011. Following are the main points covered in the report:

- Abu Yahya Al-Libi exhorts the residents of Algeria to revolt against the government; increasingly, Web surfers and officials call for revolution in Algeria.
- A senior member of Al-Qaeda in the Maghreb congratulates the Libyan people on the assassination of Qaddafi and calls on them to make national law Islamic law [Shari'a].
- A member of the forum Shumukh Al-Islam calls on Muslims in Jordan, the Sinai Peninsula, Syria and Lebanon to open a front line of attack against the Jews.
- The group Ansar Al-Shari'a, active in the south of Yemen, distributes humanitarian aid to residents of the area and prepares for a guerilla war against the Yemeni army.
- Various forums attempt to show the increasing presence of Jihadi activists in Libya.
- Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, active in Somalia, prepares for conflict with Kenyan military forces.
- New Jihadi groups continue to open Facebook pages.

New Publications

Ideology

- The Jihadi media outlet As-Sahab uploaded a video clip titled, "Algeria and the Battle of Patience" by Sheikh Abu Yahya Al-Libi, a senior member of Al-Qaeda's leadership. In it, Al-Libi calls on the residents of Algeria to imitate the mujahideen in Libya and revolt against the Bouteflika regime.¹



The opening of the video clip "Algeria and the Battle of Patience"

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Andalus, which operates under the auspices of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, uploaded a video clip titled, "An Open Letter to the Muslims of Libya", by Sheikh Abu Al-Hasan Rashid Al-Bulaydi, a member of Al-Qaeda's Shura Council.² In it, Al-Bulaydi congratulates the Libyan people on the assassination of Qaddafi and exhorts them to continue fighting until they have imposed Shari'a in Libya. Also, he warns them that NATO's real intention regarding Libya is to impose a secular order, which will work against the mujahideen.

¹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).



The opening of the video clip “An Open Letter to the Muslims of Libya”

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma’asada published an article titled, “The Pakistani Regime and the Struggle of the Taliban...The Flight to the Front”, by Sheikh Abu Abdullah Anis (8 pp.). According to Anis, the struggle being waged between the Pakistani regime, with the support of the United States and the West, and the Jihadist Movement led by the Taliban, supported by the majority of the Pakistani people, is an ancient one.

He claims that popular support [for this struggle] is essential to the success of resistance and liberation movements against despotic regimes. According to Anis, the Taliban currently benefit from increasing solidarity with the Pakistani people, while the Pakistani Army has lost its base of popular support because of its actions against the Muslim populace. Moreover, the US is largely responsible for pushing the Pakistani regime to open an offensive against its own people and against the Taliban. The bellicose actions of the Pakistani regime against the Taliban leadership, on land and in the air, are costing hundreds of innocent lives. In addition, the Pakistani regime is acquiescing to American unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) bombing of villages located in the area of conflict between the Taliban and its enemies. The high price in lives and property paid by many Pakistanis is only increasing their sympathy for the Taliban, and their desire to wreak vengeance on the regime.

Anis subsequently claims that, despite the difficult circumstances, the Taliban have succeeded in evading these bombs and minimizing civilian deaths by effecting a tactical withdrawal from the cities, as the Afghani Taliban did in

that country at the end of 2001. This tactical withdrawal accomplished several goals:

- a. It saved civilian lives.
- b. It mounted obstacles against the regime by forcing it to engage in open, direct conflict with the mujahideen.
- c. It created an ongoing war of attrition against the regime's military and security forces, and decreasing the latter's legitimacy in the eyes of the Pakistani people.
- d. It exposed the true face of the regime, as an enemy of Islam.

According to Anis, the Taliban's temporary withdrawal from urban centers gave it a golden opportunity to preserve its forces, delay war until a later time, or perhaps move the war to the enemy's territory.

Anis further emphasizes that the primary interest of the US in Pakistan is not to "break" the Taliban and Al-Qaeda, but rather to protect Pakistan's nuclear weapons. He feels certain that American and Jewish nuclear experts are in Pakistani territory to advise the regime on how to protect these weapons and prevent them from falling into the hands of Al-Qaeda and the Taliban.

Anis opines that the recent, intensive attacks against Taliban forces constitute an American attempt to buy time, to ensure that every effort has been made to protect Pakistan's nuclear weapons or even, perhaps, to transfer them to a secret location outside the reach of the mujahideen. Anis nevertheless points to signs indicating that the days of the Pakistani regime are numbered.

Anis further adds that, despite its extensive withdrawal of its forces from urban areas, the Taliban have kept pockets of mujahideen and fighting forces in the area. Concurrent with their withdrawal, the Taliban have waged a series of attacks within enemy territory, including against Pakistani security and intelligence installations.

Anis acknowledges that the enemy is well aware of the close ties between the Afghani and Pakistani Taliban and Al-Qaeda, and claims that a victory for one is therefore a victory for all. As an example, he states that any achievement or progress by the Pakistani Taliban is considered an achievement for Al-Qaeda, as it enables Al-Qaeda to gain a foothold in the area and seize weapons – including nuclear weapons. Since the "Crusader-Zionist Alliance" headed by the Jews and the US could not brook such a development, any victory of the mujahideen in Pakistan will be met by the Alliance's attempt to

use all of its nuclear, chemical and biological power to eradicate the Taliban – as indeed it attempted in 2001. To counter this threat, Anis recommends that the mujahideen fight the enemy with its own weapons.³

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma'asada published an article by Sheikh Abu Mariyya Al-Shami titled, "In the Ranks of Success". In it, Al-Shami tries to encourage the mujahideen during this difficult time, noting the many signs of an imminent victory for Islam and the mujahideen.⁴



The cover of "In the Ranks of Success"

- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published a 52-page book by Sheikh Muhammad bin Zaid Al-Muhajir, titled, "Characteristics of the Coming Change: Between the War of the Rafidiah [a Sunni epithet for the Shiites] and the Fall of the Tyrants of Our Time".⁵



The cover of "Characteristics of Coming Change..."

³ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- The Jihadi media outlet Sawt Al-Islam, which operates under the aegis of the Turkistan Islamic party (TIP), published a lecture in the Uighur language on a religious-legal topic titled, "Laws Governing Jihad 2".⁶
- The Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam has published a comprehensive anthology of Jihadist materials, including video clips, publications, articles and announcements posted by various Jihadi media institutions, transcribed and edited by the media outlet Jihadi Media Elite.⁷



The portal to the anthology of Jihad

- A new member of the forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted links to an anthology of the Jihadist publications of the Islamic State of Iraq. He claimed that Salafi-Jihadists in Palestine have distributed 1,000 DVDs of this anthology, to aid the Islamic State of Iraq. The writer entreated Muslims in the Gaza Strip to download and disseminate this anthology.⁸

⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).



DVDs containing an anthology of Islamic State of Iraq publications

- The Al-Maqreze Center for Historical Studies, which operates under the guidance of Sheikh Hanu Al-Sibai, an Egyptian Islamist who identifies with the ideology of Al-Qaeda, and who has been granted political asylum in Great Britain, posted a Friday sermon in which he discusses and interprets the deaths of Anwar Al-Awlaki and Muammar Qaddafi.⁹

Strategy

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam called on the Muslim residents of Jordan, Syria, the Sinai Peninsula and Palestine to open a front against the Jews and encircle them on all sides. For example, he entreated the followers of Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi to heat up the Israel-Jordan border; called on Fatah Al-Islam to fire rockets at Israel from Syria and Lebanon; asked the Muslims in the Sinai to commit terrorist attacks like the one that took place near Eilat in August, 2011; and urged the Arabs of Israel to ignite forests, so as to impair Israel's economy, and to run over Jews with their cars.¹⁰
- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam started a thread on new ways to disseminate Jihadist propaganda on the Internet. The thread, which earned a high ranking from forum administrators, details the writer's plan: Every forum should assign five of its members to open 10 separate accounts on a(nother) given forum, for a total of 50 accounts. He suggests this group of elect members be considered "soldiers", and that they be headed by an

⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

"emir" who would, in consultation with the administrators of Shumukh Al-Islam, instruct them as to which Jihadist materials should be disseminated, and when.¹¹

- A prominent member of Shumukh Al-Islam who calls himself "redouane18" posted a thread titled, "The Popular Uprising in Algeria: Reasons for Failure and Paths to Success". Redouane18 cites several possible reasons for the failure of the popular uprising in Algeria, relative to the success of the revolutions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, among them the relatively tranquil response of the Algerian regime to the young people's protests. Moreover, the Algerian regime used intelligence sources to identify the leaders of the rebellion and "pluck" them from their beds, thereby smothering the fire of revolt far from the eyes of the media. Another cause of failure cited by Redouane18 was the regime's quick response to the demands of the rebels and the poorer classes, as reflected in a price reduction.

Redouane18 subsequently recommends steps to reignite the revolution, among them making its aim the implementation of Shari'a in Algeria, choosing appropriate leaders, better managing the revolution and so forth.¹²

Guidebooks and Instruction Pamphlets

- As part of a series of publications titled, "Fuel for the Fight", the Jihadi media outlet Al-Ansar published a video clip titled, "The Terror Machine – Part I". The clip focuses on preparing and assembling a car bomb.¹³



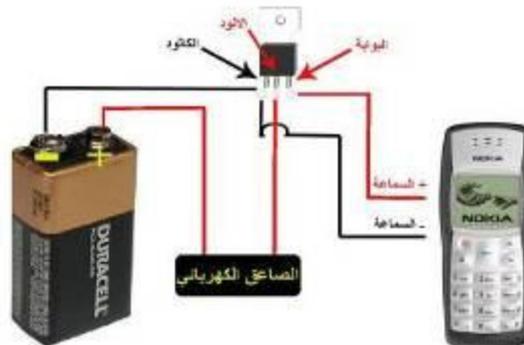
Mujahideen make a car bomb

¹¹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹³ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted a detailed explanation, with illustrations, of how to turn a mobile phone into a explosive device.¹⁴



An illustration of how to booby-trap a mobile phone

- Another member of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam started a thread titled, "We're All Lone Wolves: 21 Techniques of Silent Killing – Special to Al-Shumukh". In this thread, the writer describes, explains and illustrates techniques that could be used by protesters in Syria to assassinate members of Assad's regime without arousing undue attention or – in his words "silent killing". The writer offers the caveat that the techniques are meant for the murder of one individual [at a time].¹⁵



Illustrations from "We're All Lone Wolves"

¹⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- As part of a series by Abdullah Al-Adm titled "The Terror Industry: A Course in Safety and Intelligence", the Jihadi media outlet Al-Fajr published an audio file titled, "The Safe House: Part 22".¹⁶

Magazines

- Volume 33 of the Jihadi magazine *Al-Waqi'* has been published. In it, the reader will find a sampling of items on Jihad, as well as important international news.¹⁷



The opening page of the online Jihadi magazine, *Al-Waqi'*

Reports from the Field

Afghanistan-Pakistan

- Mullah Omar posted a benediction for Eid Al-Adha.¹⁸
- The Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan reported that it successfully shot down an American helicopter in Kunar Province on October 24, 2011.¹⁹ It also reported having shot down a helicopter in Kabisa Province on the same date, killing 20 French soldiers.²⁰
- The Jihadi forum Hanein reported a string of actions by the Taliban in Afghanistan and Pakistan: a suicide-car bombing in Kabul which, according to

¹⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

¹⁸ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

¹⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

the Taliban, killed 13 American soldiers;²¹ a twin-bomb attack on a US Army base in eastern Afghanistan which the Taliban claimed killed 30 American soldiers;²² the capture by the Taliban of a Swiss couple, being held hostage in western Pakistan.²³

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted a video clip documenting the firing of rockets against an army base in Khost Province by the "Soldiers of the Caliphate Brigade", an armed group that is part of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan. The clip, which received a high rating from the forum's administrators, was produced by the Jihadi media outlet Minbar Project.²⁴



Scenes from the video clip produced by Minbar Project

Iraq

- The Ministry of Propaganda of The Islamic State of Iraq extended blessings to the Umma [Muslim Nation] on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha. It praised the mujahideen and the path of Jihad, and denigrated the supporters of nationalism and democracy.²⁵
- The Islamic State of Iraq published reports summarizing its military activities in the south and center of Iraq.²⁶

²¹ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

²² <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

²³ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁵ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁶ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- Jama'at Ansar Al-Islam in Iraq published a document surveying the activities of a group that develops and constructs weapons. The document also contains interviews with members of the group.²⁷

The Arabian Peninsula

- The Madad Press Agency published its first bulletin, titled "An Eye on Events 1".²⁸ The Agency also published its first news report, which addressed the activities in southern Yemen of Ansar Al-Sharia, an organization identified with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The report indicates that Ansar Al-Sharia provides humanitarian aid to the residents of southern Yemen, and is planning to embark on a guerilla war against the Yemeni Army.²⁹



The first newsletter of the Madad Press Agency

- According to the Jihadi forum Hanein, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula denies that one of its senior members, Ibarhim Al-Bana, was killed in an American attack, as was reported in the media.³⁰
- The Jihadi forum Hanein published a rare photograph of Anwar Al-Awlaki walking the streets of Sanaa', taken prior to his assassination.³¹

²⁷ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁸ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

²⁹ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³¹ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).



Anwar Al-Awlaki (left), in Sanaa', Yemen

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Malahem published an interview with Sheikh Fahd Al-Qasana Al-Awlaki, which was conducted by the journalist Abd Al-Razzaq Al-Jamal.³²



The cover of the interview with Sheikh Fahd Al-Qasana Al-Awlaki

- Al-Muhajir Badhin Raba, a member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam, posted a thread titled, "Jihad [Terrorist Attacks] against Shiites on the Islamic Arabian Peninsula". In it, Raba presents a detailed program of how to eliminate Shiites from the Arabian Peninsula – operatively and using propaganda. For example, Raba emphasizes that terrorist attacks against the Shiites on the Arabian Peninsula should first be grounded in religious law. He states his belief that Shiite leaders who are on good terms with Sunni Sheikhs

³² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

like those in Riyadh and Jedda (but not in Mecca or Medina) should be eliminated.

Operatively, Raba recommends that the attacks should be carried out by individuals or small groups of three people using light weapons and explosive devices. As for propaganda, Raba recommends disseminating video and audio clips to Web forums, blogs, and Shiite Web sites, informing the Shiites that their lives will be in danger if they do not evacuate the Arabian Peninsula. At the same time, Raba recommends increasing da'wa [proselytizing] among the Sunni population, to recruit them to the Jihad against Shiites in all regions.³³

The Maghreb [North Africa]

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam calling himself Ashiq Al-Qaeda (lit. "Loves Al-Qaeda") posted a thread in which he called on the Algerian people to protest *en masse* against Bouteflika and his regime. The writer claims that, in the past, one and a half million Algerians played a central role in the Jihad against the French colonial occupation, and succeeded in their mission. However, he claims that their achievement was not enduring because those who rose to power, such as President Bouteflika, were "collaborators" who preferred cooperating with the infidel powers led by France, and who worked against the mujahideen.

The writer adds that Bouteflika's regime erred by choosing to stand alongside Qaddafi, and granting his family and entourage political asylum in Algeria. Ashiq Al-Qaeda calls on all Algerians to take inspiration from the popular rebellions that took place in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya and that continue to take place in Yemen and Syria, and urges them to foment popular protest with the aim of toppling the Algerian regime.³⁴

- A member of the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted photographs from a recent protest held by 200 people in Benghazi, in favor of implementing Shari'a [Islamic religious law] in Libya.³⁵ Similarly, the Jihadi forum Hanein posted photographs of banners associated with Al-Qaeda in Libya (the familiar banner with white lettering against a black background, and a new banner with black lettering against a black background).³⁶

³³ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³⁵ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³⁶ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).



Protesters in support of Al-Qaeda and Shari'a in Libya

- The Jihadi forum Hanein posted a photograph of graffiti in Libya, stating "The Brigade of Supporters of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb".³⁷



Libyan graffiti

- Ansar Al-Sharia, a Salafi group in Tunisia identified with Al-Qaeda, published a notice concerning the democratic elections held in Tunisia on October 23, 2011. In it, the group states that these elections are forbidden by religious law, since they lead to the election of a legislative council that passes laws without the intervention of God.³⁸

³⁷ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

³⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).



Ansar Al-Sharia's notice decrying recent Tunisian elections

- A Web surfer on the forum Al-Jihad Al-'Alami called on Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb to help their brethren in Nigeria.³⁹

Al-Sham [Greater Syria]

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma'asada published an article by Abu Mariyya Al-Shami titled, "Residents of Al-Sham, the Time Has Come". According to Al-Shami, the Syrian people must confront the severe, cruel oppression of the Syrian regime, which is supported by foreign agents such as Iran. Al-Shami further claims that other Arab regimes are ignoring the crimes of the Syrian regime, and so are participants in them. He therefore urges the Muslim Nation [Umma] to take responsibility and help the Syrian people – whether with weapons, with financial assistance, or with any other means. Al-Shami calls on other Jihadi groups to oppose the crimes of the Syrian regime.⁴⁰



"Residents of Al-Sham..."

³⁹ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴⁰ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- Fatah Al-Islam, a Salafi-Jihadi organization active in Syria and Lebanon, published an announcement titled, "Palestinian Land Is Sanctified [Waqf], and Those Who Sell It Are Criminals". In the announcement, the organization threatens to harm three agents of power:
 - a. The PLO, which it charges with selling the West Bank to the Jews; interfering with Jihad; destroying Lebanon; deepening the rifts among the Palestinian people; relinquishing 80% of Palestinian land under the Oslo Accord; recognizing Israel; and stealing money from the Palestinian people – among other things.
 - b. The leadership of Hamas, which it accuses of forming an alliance with Syria and Iran and negotiating with Israel out of a desire for financial gain, e.g., by opening the Rafiah Crossing at the expense of Jihad.
 - c. The Zionist regime, against which Fatah Al-Islam vows to wage Jihad, and free Al-Aqsa Mosque.⁴¹
- The Abdullah Azzam Organization, active primarily in Al-Sham, published an announcement titled, "Stabilizing the Systems". In it, the Organization praises the staunch resistance of the Syrian people in their struggle against the severe oppression meted out by Bashar Al-Assad's regime. The Organization claims not to be surprised by the regime's policy of cruel oppression, since what drives Al-Assad is a desire to maintain power and protect the Alawite sect. The Organization adds that Jewish and Western promises of help to the Syrian people are an empty sham, as they have no intention of helping. The Organization therefore asks the Syrians to be cognizant of several important points:
 - a. Syria is on the brink of what may be a protracted civil war, whose signs are already visible. The Syrian people must therefore show resolve, and continue their struggle until they attain victory.
 - b. Jihadist groups active in Al-Sham and the Sinai Peninsula should step up terrorist attacks against Israel and its interests, so as to interfere with the assistance it is providing Al-Assad's regime and send a message to the West that it is not immune [to harm], despite its efforts to protect the Syrian regime.
 - c. Officers and soldiers who have deserted the Syrian Army are asked to protect the Syrian people, who are in turn asked to help the deserters.

⁴¹<http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- d. The Organization recommends that those who have deserted the army concentrate their military efforts against the regime's Shabiha Forces – that is, the irregular armed forces established by Bashar Al-Assad to quell protest. To the extent possible, terrorist attacks should be perpetrated outside the cities, where there are fewer people, primarily with roadside explosive devices.
 - e. Anyone who wants to participate in the armed struggle and support army deserters should provide weapons and ammunition. However, arms dealers – especially Shiites – should be avoided.
 - f. The residents of Lebanon are warned to take up arms to protect themselves against possible Shiite and Alawite aggression.
 - g. The Organization asks the Druze and Christians of Al-Sham to take note of the increased Shiite and Iranian influence in the region, supported by the likes of Syria and Hizbollah.⁴²
- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Riyah, which functions under the auspices of a Palestinian Salafi-Jihadi group calling itself "The Lion's Den of the Mujahideen in Palestine", published an announcement in which it took responsibility for a series of arsons in Israeli territory.⁴³
 - A prominent writer on the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam who goes by the moniker "Redouane18" (see above) posted a thread titled, "The Arab Rebellions and the Challenges of Core Issues: Palestine and the Implementation of Islamic Shari'a". According to this writer, while the Arab rebellions are no doubt a significant chapter in history, and have proven that the barrier of fear has been broken and that it is possible to overthrow tyrannical leaders, the new leaders who have come to power in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya are not much different from their predecessors. In his opinion, it is reasonable to fear that these rulers are continuing the policies of their precursors. For example, Redouane18 wonders why the new rulers continue to show disdain for, and refuse to implement, Shari'a, and why they express willingness to cooperate with Jews, Christians, and (other) tyrannical Arab regimes. He claims this constitutes a severe crime, of "hijacking the revolution". According Redouane18, the Arab rebellions in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya must now confront core issues, such as the implementation of Islamic

⁴² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴³ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

law [Shari'a] and finding a solution to the question of Palestine. From his perspective, "Palestine is the heart of all of our problems", the central arena of struggle against the Zionist-Christian Alliance.⁴⁴

Egypt

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma'asada published a video clip of an interview with Sheikh Ahmad Ashush, a former member of the Islamic Jihad in Egypt, who was incarcerated in an Egyptian jail between 1993 and early 2011, when the revolution broke out. The interview covers the political agenda of the Al-Nur Party, recently established in Egypt by a Salafi group known as "Al-Da'wa Al-Salafiya". The interview also covers the involvement of the Islamists, in general, and of the Salafis, in particular, in political and democratic processes in Egypt.⁴⁵



The portal to the interview with Sheikh Ahmad Ashush

Africa

- A member of the Jihadi forum Al-Fidaa discussed a protest rally organized by Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen in Kismaayo, Somalia, which called for deeper involvement of Al-Shabab in Kenya, including armed conflict. Speakers at the rally agreed that conditions were ripe for such a move. Musa Al-Muhajiri, a senior member of Al-Shabab and one of its spokesmen, noted that war should be transferred to Kenya immediately. He added that a series of terrorist attacks should be carried out deep in Kenyan territory, until Nairobi falls, as revenge against Kenyan aggression. Other speakers at the rally, such as the official spokesman of the Somali tribes, expressed support

⁴⁴ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴⁵ <http://www.as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

for Al-Shabab's intention of perpetrating terrorist attacks in Kenyan territory.⁴⁶

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Kataib Foundation for Media Production, which operates under the auspices of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, published a notice titled, "The Historic Dayniile War".⁴⁷ According to Al-Shabab, its fighters had killed more than 100 soldiers of The African Union Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) from Burundi and Uganda during severe battles, one of which took place on October 20, 2011.



"The Historic Dayniile War"

- A member of the Jihadi forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen published an English translation of an article that had been posted in Arabic on the Web site of Shumukh Al-Islam. The article, by one Abu Abd Al-Malik, was titled, "Mogadishu...The New Kabul!".⁴⁸
- A member of the Jihadi forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen noted that the organization Boko Haram had taken responsibility for the murder of Zakariya Isa, a journalist for the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA).⁴⁹

The West and Elsewhere

- The Jihadi Web forum Hanein reported that the offices of the satiric periodical in France that had ridiculed Muhammad had been burned.⁵⁰

⁴⁶ <http://www.alfidaa.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴⁷ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁴⁸ <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (access to the English-language article is through an Arabic Web site).

⁴⁹ <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

⁵⁰ <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

- The Web site of the Global Jihad Movement posted an interview with a mujaheed from Bosnia, in which he discussed his decision to abandon his family to wage Jihad, as well as his time among the mujahideen. He denied that the mujahideen spilled blood for no reason, and that they came from poverty-stricken families. He said that patience and perseverance were the most important qualities of the mujaheed, and praised Web surfers for their efforts on behalf of Jihad. He exhorted all those who could to join the Jihad.⁵¹
- As a gesture to the Jihadi forum Shumukh Al-Islam, one of its members published a recent photograph (see below) of an armed man who shot at the US Embassy in the Bosnian capital Sarajevo, on October 28, 2011.⁵²



Miscellaneous

- The Jihadi forum Al-Jahafil reported that an organization calling itself "The Center for Islamic Monitoring" received reliable information from Syria, according to which Abu Musab Al-Suri was being tortured in solitary confinement by Syrian Intelligence Forces; it also expressed concern that the Syrian regime intended to assassinate him.⁵³

⁵¹ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

⁵² <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

⁵³ <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).

- An announcement appeared on the forum of the Global Jihad Movement concerning the re-instatement of the "Jihadi Archive" at the following url: <https://www.jarchive.net/index.php> (Arabic).⁵⁴

Facebook

- On October 30, 2011, a Facebook group established by Ansar Al-Sharia, a Salafi group active in Tunisia and identified with Al-Qaeda,⁵⁵ published an announcement of its intention to launch a new Islamic magazine called *Sada Al-Ansar*, which would eventually be available on a dedicated Internet page.⁵⁶ As of this writing, it is possible to read the magazine on a blog of the same name: <http://al2ansar.blogspot.com>.



Ansar Al-Sharia's logo as it appears on its Facebook page



The logo of the new magazine *Sada Al-Ansar* as it appears on the blog. The left of the logo is occupied by the banner of Al-Qaeda and the logo of the Al-Qayrawan media outlet, which functions under the group's auspices

- A Facebook page has appeared, titled "Assir Guantanamo". Information on the page states that its goal is to arouse the Muslim Nation [Umma] to oppose tyrannical rulers and promulgate belief in the Oneness of God [Tawhid] through offensive Jihad. Thus, for example, the page contains

⁵⁴ <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

⁵⁵ The group prefers to use this name so as not to arouse antagonism. Students of Sheikh Abu Qatada Al-Filastini, a prominent leader of the Salafi-Jihadist movement in Jordan who is currently serving time in a London prison, were among the founders of this group.

⁵⁶ <http://www.facebook.com/Molta9a.Ansar.Alchari3a> (Arabic).

content condemning Islamic legal scholars who express solidarity with Arab regimes. It also contains video clips eulogizing various Jihadist leaders, such as Osama Bin Laden. As of this writing, the page lists 1,360 friends.⁵⁷

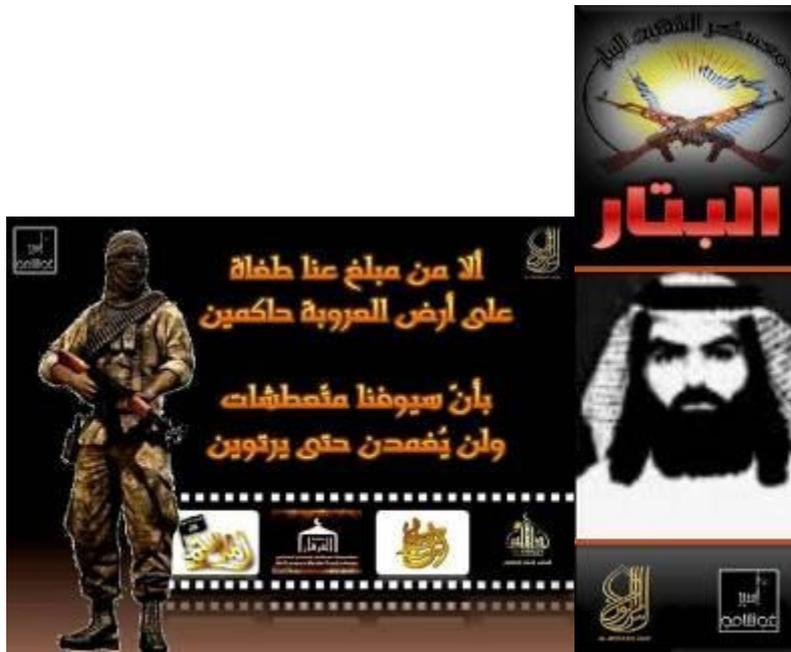


A graphic element from the Facebook page of "Assir Guantanamo"

- On October 28, 2011, a new Facebook page was created called "The Military Camp of Al-Battar the Martyr [Shahid]". The page's opening screens state that its aim is to upload propaganda and instructional guides on preparing for Jihad. A scan of the page reveals items devoted to Jihad as well as Jihadi video clips and publications, including an old manual on recruiting new members to Al-Qaeda, which was previously published on Jihadi Web forums. The page itself contains information indicating it was established by two Jihadi propaganda groups active in the Facebook social network: Shabakat Al-Moraselon Al-'Ilamiya (<http://www.facebook.com/morasiloun>) and Assir Guantanamo (<http://www.facebook.com/assir.guwantnamo5>). As of this writing, 174 friends have registered on this page.⁵⁸

⁵⁷ <http://www.facebook.com/assir.guwantnamo5> (Arabic).

⁵⁸ <http://www.facebook.com/albattar> (Arabic).



Graphic elements appearing on the Facebook page of "The Military Camp of Al-Battar the Martyr [Shahid]"

- A new Facebook page created toward the end of October 2011 called "Drive the Infidel Out of the Arabian Peninsula" contains Jihadist content and video clips castigating the Saudi royal family, among them criticisms leveled in the past against the House of Saud by senior Al-Qaeda member Abu Yahya Al-Libi. As of this writing, the page has 150 friends.⁵⁹

⁵⁹ <http://www.facebook.com/jazeeraat.alarab> (Arabic).



"Drive the Infidel Out of the Arabian Peninsula"