

## Periodical Review: Summary of Information from Jihadi Forums

### The First Half of November 2011

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

- A new video clip of Ayman Al-Zawahiri is issued; since being appointed to head Al-Qaeda in place of Bin Laden, Al-Zawahiri has made certain to issue a recording of his voice at least once a month.
- A Web surfer asks in vain for there to be serious discussion of the "Seven Stages Plan" [for the re-establishment of the caliphate], in light of the uprisings in the Arab world.
- Jihadist magazines in Arabic, English and Urdu, dealing in part with Jihad in Afghanistan, issue new volumes.
- There are indications of increased Jihadi activity in Kazakhstan.
- One Web surfer calls for recognizing Syria as an arena of Jihad; another exhorts Jihadi groups in Iraq to join the uprising against Assad's regime.
- There are indications of Salafi-Jihadi activity in Tahrir Square in Egypt.
- The Salafi-Jihadi group Ansar Al-Sharia, active in Tunisia, increases its presence on Facebook.
- A old-new trend is noted: Global Jihad activists attempt to gain ground on yet another Internet organ: YouTube.

## New Publications

### *Ideology*

- The Jihadi media outlet As-Sahab published a video clip by Al-Qaeda leader Sheikh Ayman Al-Zawahiri titled, "Days with the Imam: Part One". In it, Al-Zawahiri shares his memories of Osama Bin Laden. Al-Zawahiri describes Bin Laden as a sensitive man, and tries to present his human side. In part to cement his status as the new leader of Al-Qaeda, Al-Zawahiri highlights his closeness to Bin Laden.<sup>1</sup> In this context, it is interesting to note that since being chosen to head Al-Qaeda in June 2011, Al-Zawahiri has made certain to be seen and heard at least once a month via video and audio clips disseminated on Jihadi forums.



**The lead-in to Ayman Al-Zawahiri's recollections of Bin Laden**

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Malahem, which functions under the auspices of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, published a video clip titled, "One Nation". In it, Al-Qaeda expresses support for and solidarity with the revolutions in the Arab world, particularly the uprising against the regime in Yemen. Al-Qaeda accuses the Yemeni regime of using aid from foreign sources, such as the US and Saudi Arabia, to quash popular rebellion and harm the mujahideen. It warns the people of Yemen that the Houthis [Shiite minority active in Yemen supported by Iran] plan with Iranian help, to eliminate Sunni ulamaa [religious scholars] in the major cities. Al-Qaeda thus calls on the people of Yemen to wage a war of annihilation against these enemies.<sup>2</sup>

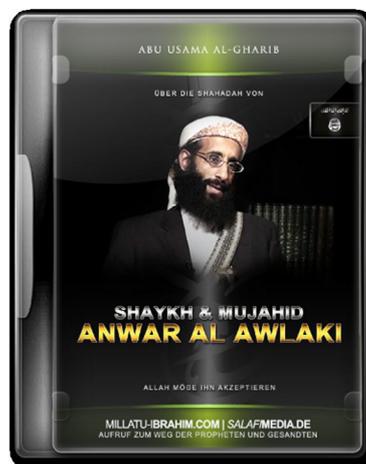
<sup>1</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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



### Al-Malahem's call to "One Nation"

- The German Salafi-Jihadi portal Millat Ibrahim<sup>3</sup> published a video clip of a lecture in German concerning the martyr's death of Sheikh Anwar Al-Awlaki.<sup>4</sup> The lecturer, Sheikh Abu Usama Al-Gharib, is a 24-year-old Islamist from Vienna, and a central activist in the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF). After spending four years in an Austrian prison for disseminating Jihadi propaganda and making threats, Al-Gharib was released this year.<sup>5</sup>



### Sheikh Abu Usama Al-Gharib on the "martyr's death" of Anwar Al-Awlaki

- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published an article by Sheikh Hassan Umar titled, "Islam's War Continues: An Islamic Perspective on Current Events: Thoughts on the Egyptian Revolution. Part One: Islam and the

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.millatu-ibrahim.com/> (German).

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

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.oe24.at/oesterreich/politik/> (German).

Revolution". The article begins by quoting a hadith related by Muhammad himself, emphasizing that the religion of Islam and political power are entwined and cannot be separated, although some leaders try to divide the two. According to Sheikh Hassan Umar, this hadith clarifies the true spirit of the revolution; it explains the struggle of the [secular] regime against Shari'a as arising from a conflict of interest between politicians and clerics. The Sheikh therefore urges the revolutionaries to adhere to the truth and work to implement Shari'a, despite the opposition of political leaders.<sup>6</sup>

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma'asada published an article by Sheikh Abu Saed Al-Amili, titled, "Lessons from Eid Al-Adha and Blessings to the Nation of [the] Oneness [of God]". According to Al-Amili, a Salafi Jihadist and very prominent presence on Jihadi Web forums, Eid Al-Adha teaches a number of lessons, one of which is the value of sacrifice. The holiday thus spurs the mujahideen to increase their efforts, acting with self-sacrifice against the enemies of God. The mujahideen in Palestine and the Gaza Strip, in particular, are asked to declare unity and join forces under one emir, who will lead them to free Palestinian territory. Al-Amili also takes the occasion of Eid Al-Adha to extend blessings to the many leaders of Jihad in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, the Caucasus and elsewhere.<sup>7</sup>

### *Strategy*

- A Web surfer on the Jihadi forum Hanein expressed astonishment, accompanied by a certain sense of injustice, at the failure of the other members of the forum to discuss Al-Qaeda's master plan – the so-called "Seven Stages Plan" – for the establishment of a caliphate in 2018.<sup>8</sup> He uses his thread to iterate the principal components of the Seven Stages Plan and rouse discussion of it, especially in light of recent popular uprisings in the Arab world. However, his thread does not succeed in generating deep or serious discussion of the topic, with one exception: Another Web surfer

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

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

<sup>8</sup>For further information about this plan, see [http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG\\_Al-Qaeda\\_Operational\\_Strategies.pdf](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_Al-Qaeda_Operational_Strategies.pdf).

expresses his belief that the so-called "Arab Spring" will bring the aims of the Plan closer to fruition.<sup>9</sup>

#### *Promoting the Myth of Martyrdom*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ma'asada published a biography of a martyr [Shahid] named Abu Hajir Al-Shami Samir Ahmad Haji Suleiman – the first in a series of "Biographies of Martyrs from *Al-Sham* [Greater Syria]". According to this biography, Suleiman was born in 1984, and as a youth was influenced by the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and by the decision of a brother and a cousin to participate in Jihad in Afghanistan. For a brief time Suleiman served in the Syrian army, after which he joined the Salafi-Jihadi group Fatah Al-Islam. He was killed in 2007, during fighting between that group and the Lebanese Army at Nahr Al-Bared.<sup>10</sup>

#### *Guidebooks and Instruction Pamphlets*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Ansar, which functions under the auspices of the Salafi-Jihadi group Ansar Al-Islam in Iraq, published a DVD titled, "Inexhaustible Weapons: Part One". The DVD details the development and manufacture of various weapons by members of the group.<sup>11</sup>



**The jacket of the DVD "Inexhaustible Weapons: Part One"**

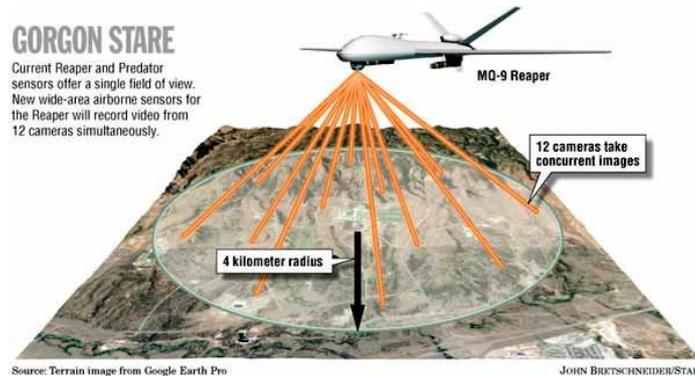
- A member of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted a thread titled, "MQ-9 Reaper". The thread, highly rated by forum administrators, provides technical details on the structure and target range of this aircraft.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>9</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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

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

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



**The target range of the MC-9 Reaper**

- The Jihadi media center Al-Fajr published an audio clip titled, "Intelligence Search and Seizure", which constitutes part 23 of a series of audio files by Sheikh Abdullah Al-Adm titled "The Terror Industry's Program".<sup>13</sup>

*Magazines*

- New volumes of Jihadi magazines in Arabic, English and Urdu have been published, which cover the Jihadi arena in Afghanistan: Volume 66 of the Arabic-language magazine *Al-Somood*, which is published by the Taliban in Afghanistan;<sup>14</sup> Volume 34 of the English-language magazine *In Fight* (228 pp.);<sup>15</sup> and the November 2011 volume of the Urdu-language magazine *Nawai Afghan Jihad*.<sup>16</sup>

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

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

<sup>15</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/> (Arabic).

<sup>16</sup> <http://www.ansar1.info/> (Arabic).



From left to right, the covers of *Nawai Afghan Jihad*, *In Fight*, and *Al-Somood*

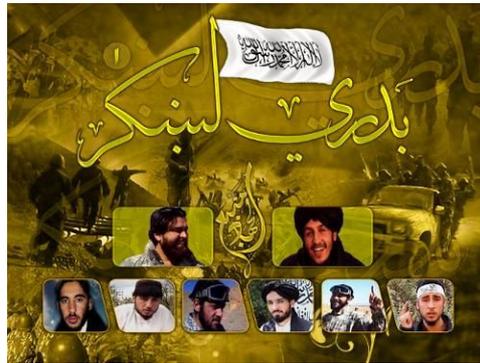
## Reports from the Field

### *Afghanistan-Pakistan*

- The Emir of the Taliban in Pakistan, Hakim Allah Mas'ud, extended blessings to the Muslim Nation [Umma] on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha. In his holiday sermon, Mas'ud discussed the enemies with whom the mujahideen are today confronted. For example, he stressed that open war continues between the Taliban in Pakistan and the Pakistani regime.<sup>17</sup>
- The Jihadi media institution Manbaa Al-Jihad, a media unit of the Haqqani Network within the Afghan Taliban, published a video clip titled, "The Army of Badr, 1", which documents a suicide terrorist attack against the Continental Hotel in Kabul. The clip focused on the terrorists and on preparations for the attack.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>17</sup> <http://as-ansar.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>18</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).



"The Army of Badr I"

- The Jihadi media outlet Minbar Media published an interview with Rawil Kusaynuv, emir of the Zahir Baibars Battalion of the Soldiers of the Caliphate [Katibat Jund Al-Khilafa], a Salafi-Jihadi group composed largely of Kazakhs, which is active primarily in the vicinity of Afghanistan. In the interview, Kusaynuv highlighted his group's participation in efforts to renew the institution of the caliphate, adding that Central Asia, as well as other areas of the world such as Yemen and the Maghreb [North Africa], are important to this effort. Kusaynuv also discussed the nature of the group and its relationship with the government of Kazakhstan.<sup>19</sup>
- The Soldiers of the Caliphate [Katibat Jund Al-Khilafa] published an announcement in which the group took responsibility for two terrorist attacks against government institutions in Kazakhstan in early November 2011. The attacks were meant to warn the Kazakh government to desist from its anti-Islamic policies, exemplified, most recently, by the passage of a law banning the wearing of the veil [Hijab].<sup>20</sup>

#### *Iraq*

- The Islamic State of Iraq blessed the Muslim Nation on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha. It also blessed the mujahideen and those who support their Jihadi efforts against tyrannical regimes.<sup>21</sup>
- A Web surfer on the Jihadi forum Hanein wondered why Jihadist groups in Iraq had not joined the popular uprising in Syria and helped topple the regime of Bashar Al-Assad. In response, another Web surfer wrote that the groups

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

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

<sup>21</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

feared retaliation from the Syrian regime for participation in the uprising – specifically, that the Syrian regime might evict – if not “eliminate” – the two million Iraqi immigrants in Syria.<sup>22</sup>

- The Islamic State of Iraq announced actions carried out by its members in northern Baghdad,<sup>23</sup> greater Baghdad,<sup>24</sup> Diyala Province,<sup>25</sup> and throughout Iraq.<sup>26</sup>

#### *The Arabian Peninsula*

- The Al-Ansar Mailing List Newsletter published a “Message from the Brethren Captive in the Land of the Two Holy Places”. The message, which urges readers to hew to the path of Jihad, describes the world as being divided in two: Jews and Christians and all those who follow in their footsteps; and Jihadists and their supporters. The message goes on to remind Muslim readers that if an enemy invades Muslim territory, they are obligated – in fact commanded – to wage Jihad to recapture that territory, and that divisions along state or country lines, created by the infidel to advance his plans, are of no importance. The message relays amazement that Muslims, who number some two billion, remain oppressed, even as Jews and Christians succeed in fulfilling their aims. It claims that, under the pretext of international agreements, the latter have imposed regimes that prevent Muslims from defending their religion, and exhorts Muslims to revolt against these regimes, and not to aid the Crusaders.<sup>27</sup>
- The Jihadi Web forum Hanein reported that armed men affiliated with Al-Qaeda are trying to expand their activities in southern Yemen, from Abyan Province to Aden.<sup>28</sup> The forum further reported that Al-Qaeda and Ansar Al-Sharia, a group associated with it that is active in southern Yemen, are trying to take control of Al-Bayda’ Province, which is adjacent to Abyan Province.<sup>29</sup>

<sup>22</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>23</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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

<sup>25</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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

<sup>27</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>28</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>29</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

*Al-Sham [Greater Syria]*

- A Web surfer on the Jihadi forum Hanein posted a thread analyzing the ceaseless unrest in Syria. He called for Syria to be declared an arena of Jihad, and urged [everyone] to go to Syria and wage Jihad until the defeat of the Syrian regime.<sup>30</sup>

*Egypt*

- A Web surfer, apparently from Egypt, used the Global Jihad Network to call other surfers to Tahrir Square in Cairo on Friday, November 18, 2011. He invited them to contact him any day until that Friday.<sup>31</sup> Additional evidence of the activity of mujahideen in Tahrir Square was provided by the distinctly Salafi-Jihadi comments of Sheikh Tawfiq Al-Afni.<sup>32</sup>
- The Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) published a message from Islamic political prisoners in Aqrab Prison in Egypt, in which they describe being humiliated and tortured.<sup>33</sup>

*Africa*

- The Jihadi media outlet Al-Kataib, which functions under the auspices of the Somali movement Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen, published an English-language video clip titled, "The Burundian Bloodbath – Battle of Dayniile".<sup>34</sup>
- Al-Kataib also reported the destruction by Al-Shabab fighters of three Kenyan Army vehicles in the vicinity of Dobl.<sup>35</sup> Concurrently, Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen announced that the Kenyan attack in southern Somalia had failed.<sup>36</sup>
- Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen announced that its naval forces had set fire to Kenyan vessels, and promised to protect the Somali people from any form of incursion.<sup>37</sup>
- The Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam posted photographs of Eid Al-Adha celebrations in the Islamic region of Lower Shabelle, Somalia.<sup>38</sup>

<sup>30</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>31</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>32</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>33</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

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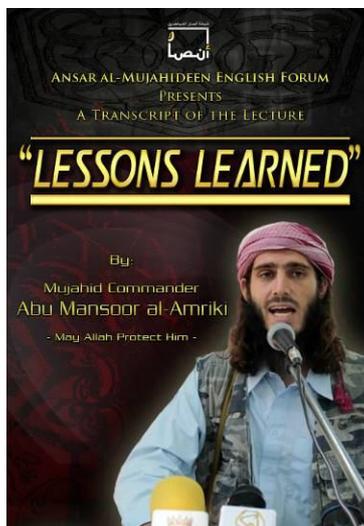
<sup>36</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>37</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).



**Eid Al-Adha celebrations in Lower Shabelle, Somalia**

- The English-language Jihadi forum Ansar Al-Mujahideen published a translated transcript of an audio clip titled, "Lessons Learned", recorded by the mujaheed Abu Mansoor Al-Amriki, a senior member of Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen in Somalia.<sup>39</sup>



**The lead-in to the audio clip recorded by Abu Mansoor Al-Amriki**

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

<sup>39</sup> <http://www.shamikh1.info/vb/> (English-language audio clip is reached via Arabic-language Web site).

See also [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z52zYd0\\_beA&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z52zYd0_beA&feature=related).

- A Web surfer, apparently from Somalia, warned Kenya against collapse if it continues to invade Somali territory and fight on behalf of the West and the Zionists.<sup>40</sup>
- The Jihadi Web forum Hanein reported that a terrorist attack carried out by the Boko Haram group in northeastern Nigeria on November 5, 2011 killed some 100 people. The group itself published an announcement threatening to carry out more such actions.<sup>41</sup>

### General Reports

- Abu Al-Ayna Al-Khurasani, supervisor of the Jihadi Web forum Shumukh Al-Islam, posted a thread titled, "Lessons and Conclusions: A Meeting with One of the Mujahideen in Bosnia". In it, the mujaheed praised the commandment of Jihad and iterated its importance. He refuted the claim that many Muslims join Jihad for economic or family reasons; as proof, he noted that many of the Muslims who had fought in Bosnia had previously lived in [various countries in] Europe and had not suffered economic privation. The mujaheed also shared his experiences of Jihad in Bosnia. He commended Jihadi Web forums for playing a crucial role in the propaganda war on behalf of the mujahideen.<sup>42</sup>
- Abu Abd Al-Qadir Al-Qamari, defined as a writer and Islamic historian of the mujahideen, continues to publish biographies of prominent Salafi Jihadists, among them Sheikh Omar Abd Al-Rahman;<sup>43</sup> Sheikh Abdullah Rahsud, who left the Arabian Peninsula to participate in Jihad in Iraq;<sup>44</sup> and Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Rubaysh, the mufti of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.<sup>45</sup>
- A woman Web surfer from Morocco conversed with a mujaheed from Morocco, who reported also surfing Jihadi Web forums. The mujaheed expressed satisfaction with the revolutions in the Arab world, and reported understanding from the announcements of Al-Qaeda leaders that they, too, were pleased with these revolutions. The mujaheed expressed his belief that these revolutions had opened a gate for the Islamic forces, which they could not have opened themselves under the [previous] reign of tyrants. He added

<sup>40</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>41</sup> <http://hanein.info/vb/> (Arabic).

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

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that now it would be possible to preach the Oneness of God [promulgate da'wa on Tawhid] and establish channels of communication [and media] to transmit Islamic messages. He reported foreseeing an increase in strength for Al-Qaeda in the coming decade. He clarified that women have an important role to play in every arena of Jihad, and noted that failure to accept them [into the ranks of the mujahideen], other than in Chechnya and Iraq, is at the discretion of specific leaders of the mujahideen. Lastly, he called on Muslims in Morocco to join Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb.<sup>46</sup>

- An announcement was published stating that the Global Islamic Media Front (GIMF) had lost one of its leaders in a suicide bombing. Neither the name of the leader nor the circumstances of the attack were cited.<sup>47</sup>
- The administrator of the Global Jihad Network warned Web surfers not to download a CD on the science of explosives from any Web site, as it contains a virus. He asked Web forum administrators to erase the CD and evict the surfer who had tried to post it.<sup>48</sup>
- A warning was posted against a Facebook group calling itself, "In Favor of Establishing Jihadi-Salafi Shura Councils Everywhere". According to the writer of the warning, the founder of the group lacks Islamic religious education.<sup>49</sup>

### Miscellaneous

- Blogs – considered a relatively longstanding channel of electronic communication – are favored by members of Global Jihad for several reasons. Primarily, they are a convenient platform for uploading a variety of Jihadi materials, posting personal reflections, and disseminating Jihadi propaganda – practically without interference. In effect, blogs constitute a personal Web site, and anyone who wishes to begin one, can do so. We have recently identified a blog called "Shura al Mujahideen fee Junubu Afarika (South Africa)" which, despite its name, covers Jihad in various locations. The blog contains news articles, photographs, and Jihadi video clips.<sup>50</sup>

<sup>46</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>47</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>48</sup> <http://aljahad.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>49</sup> <http://al-jahafal.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>50</sup> <http://shuratulmujahideen.blogspot.com/> (English and Arabic).



**A recent visit to the blog Shura al Mujahideen fee Junubu Afarika (South Africa) revealed this screen**

- Similarly, another forum that, in recent weeks, has appeared to be gathering steam is Al-Minbar Al-'Ilami [The Media Platform]. Close to 200 members are registered with this forum, which is updated constantly and provides a lateral view of various Jihadi arenas. Like most of the leading Jihadi forums, Al-Minbar Al-'Ilami offers multiple discussion and chat rooms.<sup>51</sup>



**The opening banner of Al-Minbar Al-'Ilami**

**Facebook**

- On November 2, 2011, Ansar Al-Sharia, a Salafi group operating in Tunisia and associated with Al-Qaeda,<sup>52</sup> published an announcement urging the government of Tunisia to prevent the Iraqi government from executing a

<sup>51</sup> <http://alplatformmedia.com/vb/> (Arabic).

<sup>52</sup> 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.

Tunisian citizen named Yusri al-Tariki, who was captured, apparently, for fighting the Coalition Forces in Iraq. Following his arrest, the group waged a broad campaign for his release – at least from its Facebook page – and urged that he be spared the death penalty. The campaign was unsuccessful: Al-Tariki was executed on November 16, 2011. Subsequently, the group posted memorial announcements and posters, in which Al-Tariki appears alongside Osama Bin-Laden and Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi.<sup>53</sup>



**Yusri al-Tariki portrayed as a prisoner (left) and as a martyr (right), alongside more infamous martyrs Bin Laden and Al-Zarqawi**

- Al-Murasiloon, a Jihadi propaganda group, has opened several new pages on Facebook: one dedicated to women,<sup>54</sup> one dedicated to technological issues,<sup>55</sup> one dedicated to da'wa [proselytizing],<sup>56</sup> and one dedicated to current events.<sup>57</sup>

<sup>53</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/Molta9a.Ansar.Alchari3a> (Arabic).

<sup>54</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/mrasloun.niswi> (Arabic).

<sup>55</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/MOURASILOUN.TA9NI> (Arabic).

<sup>56</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/da3awi> (Arabic).

<sup>57</sup> <http://www.facebook.com/akhbar.mourasiloun> (Arabic).



The logos for Al-Murasiloon's Facebook pages dealing with da'wa (left) and women's issues (right)

### YouTube

In addition to their presence on Facebook, it appears that Global Jihad activists have been working to establish and maintain a presence on another popular Internet venue: YouTube. In recent months, various personal channels have been established on YouTube, which feature video clips of religious sermons, Jihadi propaganda, and incitement. When channels like these have been removed, others have arisen in their stead in an effort to gain a foothold on this platform, with the aim of making the ideology of Global Jihad accessible to as broad and varied an audience as possible. Following are a number of examples of YouTube channels with a Salafi-Jihadi agenda:

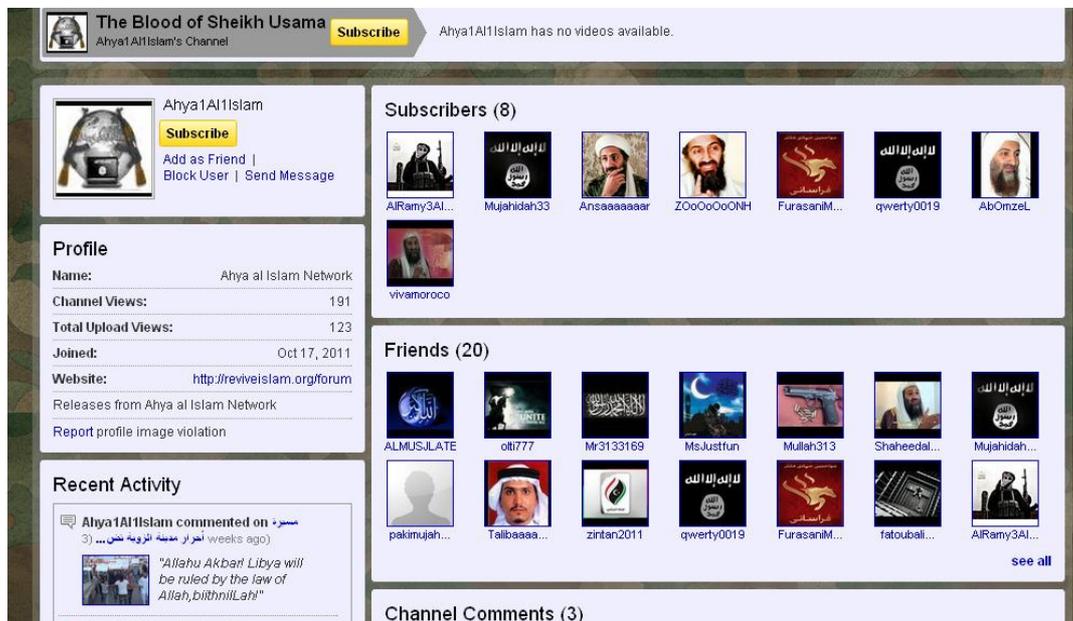
- hizbulislam: This channel was established on August 8, 2011, and carries the sermons of Salafi-Jihadi sheikhs like Khalid Al-Husainan (whose materials also appear on Jihadi Web forums); documentation of terrorist attacks committed by Jihadi activists; and lectures urging conversion to Islam.<sup>58</sup>

<sup>58</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/user/hisbulislam> (English, Flemish, Arabic).



hisbulislam's YouTube channel

- Ayhal AlIslam: Established on October 17, 2011, this channel extols the virtues of Osama Bin Laden and additional leaders of Global Jihad who have been killed in recent years.<sup>59</sup>



The opening page of Ayhal AlIslam's YouTube Channel. As of this writing, no video clips are posted on the channel

<sup>59</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/user/Ahya1Al1Islam>.





The Fursani Media channel on YouTube

- al3okab2: This channel was established on September 14, 2011, by an unidentified source. Whoever is behind it, uses it to upload his own lectures on Islam and Jihad, as well as additional Jihadi materials.<sup>62</sup>
- In addition to creating personal channels, Global Jihad activists use YouTube as a convenient platform from which to disseminate Jihadi materials. Active members of Ansar Al-Sharia in southern Yemen have begun using such a channel to upload materials reflecting their activity, for example in Yemen's Abyan Province.<sup>63</sup> Similarly, active members of the Philippine group Jama'at Al-Tawhid wal-Jihad have used YouTube to call for Jihad in the Philippines, as well as to declare their allegiance to Al-Qaeda.<sup>64</sup>

<sup>62</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/user/al3okab2#p/a> (Arabic).

<sup>63</sup> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyFrz9wZbBM> (Arabic).

<sup>64</sup> [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\\_qpUteSXH4&feature=related](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_qpUteSXH4&feature=related);  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59CyJHqMZcM> (both in Arabic, with some English).